

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 5 February 2009 at 10 am
in the City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

1 Order of Business

Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

2 Declaration of Interests

Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

3 Deputations

3.1 Fair Tips

- (a) **Edinburgh University Students Association** – e-mail dated 26 January 2009 (circulated)

4 Questions

- 4.1 **By Councillor Perry – Expenditure on Roads** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.2 **By Councillor Murray – Direct Payments for Services** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee and the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.3 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Bus Fares** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.4 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Kings Road Traffic Island** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

- 4.5 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Health and Social Care Budget** – to be answered by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.6 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Quality Criteria for Health and Social Care Tender Assessments** – to be answered by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.7 **By Councillor Johnstone – “Freecycle” – Alternatives to Special Uplift** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.8 **By Councillor Johnstone – “Earth Hour” 29 March 2009** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.9 **By Councillor Burgess – Biomass Technology** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

5 Minutes

- 5.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council Special Meeting** of 18 December 2008 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record
- 5.2 **The City of Edinburgh Council Ordinary Meeting** of 18 December 2008 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

6 Election Business

If any

7 Reports from Committees

- 7.1 **Leader’s Report** (circulated)

8 New Business

- 8.1 **National and Regional Sports Facilities – An Interim Investment Programme for Meadowbank Sports Centre and Stadium** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)
- 8.2 **Review of Council Owned Arms Length Companies** – report by the Director of City Development (circulated)
- 8.3 **Cross Party Forum on the Evaluation of the Children and Families Estate – Complaint Against Councillor MacLaren** – report by the Chief Executive

9 Reports from Neighbourhood Partnerships

If any

10 Notices of Motion for Debate at Council

10.1 By Councillor Buchanan – Edinburgh Airport

“Council notes with concern the Competition Commission's Provisional Decision on Remedies report recommending the sale of Edinburgh Airport.

Council recognises the large level of investment already made, and planned, for the future growth and continued success of Edinburgh Airport by the current owners, BAA. This level of investment is approximately £45m in the coming financial year. There is no guarantee sought in the report that this level should be adopted by any new operator.

This Council seeks assurance that any changes to the ownership structure take into account the wider interest of the city region and the Scottish economy and asks that the Competition Commission acknowledge this in their final report.

This Council, therefore, places on record its view that a condition of sale should include a minimum level of investment commensurate with that identified in the long term business plan presented by BAA.”

10.2 By Councillor Rust – Fair Tips

“Council:

- a) recognises there are honourable owners of hotels, restaurants and other hospitality outlets who ensure that all tips are paid to staff in full as additions to their wages;
- b) notes that HM Revenue and Customs classes service charges, cover charges and tips as gratuities for national insurance contributions purposes;
- c) expresses concern that tips are still treated by some hospitality establishments as extra payments to proprietors and are not passed onto staff in full as additions to the minimum wage;
- d) understands that this practice is currently legal under regulation 31 subsection 1(e) governing the Minimum Wage Act 1998;
- e) calls on all owners of hotels, restaurants and other hospitality outlets within the City of Edinburgh to support the four pledges in the Fair Tips Charter:
 - to pay all employees at least the minimum wage with 100% of tips added on top as a bonus with no hidden charges;
 - to reach agreement on how tips are shared with those staff directly affected;

- to make no deductions from tips to cover breakages, till shortages or customer walk-outs;
 - to make all rules for the distribution of tips and service charges available in writing for staff and customers on request.
- f) urges the UK Government to introduce an amendment as soon as possible that ensures all tips are paid to staff in addition to their wages, including staff paid the minimum wage.”

10.3 By Councillor Buchan – Play Park Strategy

“That Council:

- 1) notes that Edinburgh has a very poor per capita allocation of play park facilities;
- 2) notes the positive response given by the Leader of the Council on 18 December to a suggestion to create a “Play Park Strategy” for the city along similar lines to the Sports Pitch Strategy;
- 3) calls for the development of a Play Park Strategy to improve existing facilities and to identify new opportunities for future facilities across the city.”

10.4 By Councillor Ewan Aitken – “A Long Way From Home” – Film Story of Asylum Seekers

“Council notes

The launch of the outstanding film “a long way from home”, made by the Ikaze Project, which tells the story of three asylum seekers and their experiences of the Asylum System whilst living in Edinburgh.

That the film lasts around 36 minutes and is available on DVD.

That Ikaze is a group of refugees and asylum seekers who have been telling their stories in drama and film since 2000 and were the first UK constituted body to be solely led and managed by the asylum and refugee community.

The excellent support that Ikaze has been given in Edinburgh by “the Welcoming” a project created through the Adult Learning Project (ALP)

Council agrees

To work with those involved in the creation of this film to maximise the number of people, both adults and children, who are able to see this film and engage with the fundamental issues of human rights that it deals with.”

10.5 By Councillor Ewan Aitken – United Nations World Poverty Eradication Day

“Council

Believes that

One of the many dangers of the global financial crisis is that the most vulnerable and poorest peoples across the world will suffer even more deprivation and struggle than they already do.

Notes the proposal from a consortium of partners that:

United Nations World Poverty Eradication Day, Saturday 17 October 2009 from 5 pm to 6 pm, be marked by the pedestal in front of the Royal Museum being briefly dedicated (using screens beside the statue watched from the Museum steps) to homeless women, men and children from Scotland, Europe, South Africa, China, Bangladesh, Palestine, and Zimbabwe allowing them to tell their stories. Instead of according recognition to those who make others homeless, this project accords recognition to homeless people themselves.

Council agrees to

Support this proposal through event advice, including on negotiations with police on traffic issues, and the presence of Council representation.”

10.6 By Councillor Henderson – Funding for Schools

“Council notes that the minutes of the meeting of 18 December 2008 record details of the motion “School Budgets” and the amendment debated at that meeting.

Council notes that the amendment, by Councillor MacLaren, carried on the casting vote of the Lord Provost, asked the Council “To note the difficulties that schools had experienced over a number of years caused by cumulative reductions in schools’ funding.”

Council notes that per capita spend per pupil has increased by 68% in Primary Schools and 51% in Secondary Schools since 2001 compared to a cumulative increase in RPI of 22%.

Council notes that Capital expenditure for the period 2002 – 2007 was £301 million.

In view of the above, Council agrees that schools funding has not experienced “cumulative reductions” “over a number of years” and requests that Councillor MacLaren apologise for inadvertently misleading Council on 18 December 2008.”

10.7 By Councillor Peacock – Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) – BBC Broadcast

“Council regrets the refusal of the BBC to broadcast an appeal by the Disasters Emergency Committee to provide humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza and resolves to write to the Director General of the BBC informing him of this Council’s support for the broadcasting of such an appeal.

Council also resolves to provide a link on its web-site to the DEC web-site so that residents of Edinburgh may be encouraged, if they so wish, to contribute to this appeal.”

10.8 By Councillor MacLaren – Fair Trade Status for St Thomas of Aquins High School

“Council congratulates St Thomas of Aquins High School on becoming the first school in Edinburgh to be awarded Fair Trade status by the Fairtrade Foundation. This is in recognition of the work the school has done to adopt a whole school fair trade policy.”

10.9 By Councillor Johnstone – Safe Pedestrian and Cycling Network

“That this Council:

believes it should adopt a long-term strategy of gradually creating an infrastructure of truly safe pedestrian and cycle routes both for schools and the general public;

believes this would allow parents to feel confident that they can let their children walk or ride to school on their own and arrive safely and that adults are able to cycle without fear of traffic as they can in so many other northern European cities as highlighted in the current ‘Dreams on Wheels’ exhibition by the Danish Cultural Institute at the Botanics;

recognises the extreme seriousness of childhood obesity and the dual challenge of climate change and peak oil, and believes that Edinburgh could be more ambitious in its provision of safe cycle and pedestrian routes;

understands that a precedent exists in London where the London Cycling Campaign established a potential network of cycle routes through the city which was subsequently adopted by local government as the London Cycle Network and which is gradually being implemented;

recognises that dedicated cycle lanes and pedestrian crossings require funding. However, believes that given a long-term strategy to establish a network of truly safe routes to schools linked into a wider network across the city, the Council could gradually implement these when carrying out major upgrading of roads and pavements;

and therefore calls for a report on this concept and how best to proceed with it, including drawing up a network of potential routes.”

10.10 By Councillor Burgess – Smart Meter Library Loan Scheme

“That the Council:

recognises that ‘smart’ meters can help people cut their electricity bills and reduce climate changing pollution by displaying real-time electricity consumption, cost in pence per hour and carbon dioxide emissions as residents switch various appliances on and off;

understands it has been estimated that the average household could save 150kg of carbon dioxide a year by turning off unnecessary electrical devices;

however recognises that smart meters are still too expensive for many households to purchase;

believes that libraries in Edinburgh could provide 'smart meters' on loan to residents in a similar way to books and audio visual materials;

understands that such a scheme has been undertaken by Lewisham Council;

therefore calls for a report on a smart meter library loan scheme.”

10.11 By Councillor Lang – Darwin 200

“Council notes the forthcoming bicentenary of the birth of Charles Darwin on 12 February 2009, designated as Darwin Day, and the 150th anniversary of the publication of The Origin of Species on 24 November 2009.

These anniversaries are being marked around the world under the banner of “Darwin 200”. A number of these events are being held in Edinburgh where Darwin lived and studied.

The Council welcomes these celebrations and instructs the Director of Corporate Services to report on ways in which the Council could recognise these anniversaries in its civic and events programme.”

11 Notices of Motion for Remit to Committees

If any

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Notes:

- 1) If you have any questions about the agenda or meeting arrangements, please contact Carmel Riley, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ; ☎ 0131 529 4830; e-mail carmel.riley@edinburgh.gov.uk.
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