

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 3 February 2011 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

If any

4 Questions

- 4.1 **By Councillor Johnstone – Energy Use in Schools** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.2 **By Councillor Johnstone – Most Active City in Europe** – to be answered by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee
- 4.3 **By Councillor Morris – Council Borrowing** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 4.4 **By Councillor Burgess – Climate-Changing Pollution** – to be answered by the Leader of the Council
- 4.5 **By Councillor Rust – Re-employment of Former Council Employees as Consultants** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 4.6 **By Councillor Kate MacKenzie – Penalty Notices** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

- 4.7 **By Councillor Mowat – Council Properties** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 4.8 **By Councillor Rust – Rateable Value of Retail Premises** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 4.9 **By Councillor Blacklock – Westfield Court Nursery School** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.10 **By Councillor Day – Second Homes on Council Tax Roll** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 4.11 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Grant to Edinburgh Leisure** – to be answered by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee
- 4.12 **By Councillor Child – CO₂ Emissions in Edinburgh** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.13 **By Councillor Henderson – Youth Unemployment** – to be answered by the Convener of the Economic Development Committee

5 Minutes

- 5.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council** of 16 December 2010 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

6 Election Business

- 6.1 **Appointments** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (to follow)

7 Reports from Committees

- 7.1 **Leader's Report** (circulated)
- 7.2 **The Final Report of the Joint Review of Independent Advocacy Services in Edinburgh** – report by the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee (circulated)

Notes:

- 1) The above report was continued at the Council meeting on 16 December 2010.
- 2) A further background paper 'Joint Commissioning Plan for Independent Advocacy Services in Edinburgh' is available from the Health and Social Care Department - please contact Sarah Holiday on 0131 529 6150 or at sarah.holiday@edinburgh.gov.uk if you would like a copy.
- 7.3 **Live Well in Later Life – Care Home Site Disposals** – report by the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)

- 7.4 Appointment of Non-Executive Chair of TEL/tie** – report by the Recruitment Committee (to follow)

8 New Business

- 8.1 Statutory Powers and Duties of the Council** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)
- 8.2 Conference Invitations** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

9 Notices of Motion for Debate at Council

9.1 By Councillor Buchan – Non Mandatory Speed Reduction Advice

“Council:

- notes that non mandatory speed information systems can influence the speed of drivers in residential areas;
- notes that Norfolk County Council has provided residents with stickers for wheelie bins that encourage through non-mandatory signage, drivers to slow down;
- notes that there are areas of Edinburgh where a similar approach to that taken in Norfolk could be undertaken where there is support for speed reducing measures; and
- agrees that a pilot study is introduced in the Craiglockhart area to identify if this proposal could be used across the city.”

9.2 By Councillor Chapman – Alternative Vote Referendum

“Council:

- 1 notes the proposed referendum on adopting Alternative Vote (AV) as the system for election of Members of Parliament.
- 2 believes that a proportional system of election would enhance voter choice and promote a more dynamic culture of democracy and that, whilst AV is not a proportional system, it is better than the current First Past The Post (FPTP) system.
- 3 supports the use of a proportional system for all levels of government elections, including Westminster and the Scottish Parliament, and so supports the introduction of the Alternative Vote for elections of MPs as an improvement on FPTP and a step towards a proportional system for Westminster.
- 4 supports the campaign for a Yes vote in the forthcoming referendum on the Alternative Vote.
- 5 agrees to provide facilities (such as meeting space) to support the campaign.”

9.3 Motion by Councillor Johnstone – Energy Use in Schools

“That this Council;

Notes that sustained low temperatures over winter is putting severe pressure on school energy budgets.

Notes concerns raised by parents over poor energy efficiency and inadequate temperature control within schools.

Notes that feed-in tariffs for renewable energy systems offer a significant income generating opportunity.

Believes that there are significant savings which could be made on energy budgets within schools and calls for a report into these issues and into how the Council can prepare and implement a comprehensive school energy improvement plan in advance of winter 2011-12.”

9.4 Motion by Councillor Day – Telford College – Association of Colleges Beacon Award

“Council congratulates the staff, learners and board of management of Edinburgh’s Telford College in attaining an Association of Colleges Beacon Award for its exemplary work in the support of international students.

Council notes that:

- Beacon Awards provide national recognition for excellence and innovation as well as acknowledging the talents of staff at all levels. They highlight the breadth and quality of education at Edinburgh’s Telford College, for its well-developed international strategy, an innovative programme supported by a wide range of global partnerships and its exemplary approach to supporting visa applications.
- The College was particularly praised for its trans-national education partnerships, which include support for in-country teaching, leading to high numbers of students progressing on to courses in the UK.

Council agrees to recognise these achievements in an appropriate manner as seen fit by the Lord Provost.”

9.5 Motion by Councillor Ewan Aitken – Blue Badge Scheme

“Council notes:

That the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) have written to the Council on four occasions since the decision was taken by this administration to charge £20 to access the Blue Badge Scheme.

That the EHRC laid out four steps for the Council to take to ensure that the EHRC are content with the Council's processes, as follows:

- Equality Impact Assessment for the implementation of this policy to be revisited.
- The Equality Impact Assessment tool be reviewed (the EHRC suggests that the screening for relevance in particular appears to have potential for introducing confusion).
- Training and support provided to officers carrying out impact assessment to be reviewed.
- That training for Councillors in the scrutiny of Equality Impact Assessments of proposals coming before Council is reviewed.

Council calls for a full report in one cycle on steps to be taken to comply with this guidance from the EHRC.”

9.6 Motion by Councillor Burgess – ‘Remade in Edinburgh’

“That the Council:

Welcomes the initiative to set up ‘Remade in Edinburgh’ a project for a reuse and repair centre in Edinburgh.

Notes that the centre is intended to be a community-led project, housing social enterprises, that will recycle and repair household goods, offer repair skills to residents, create jobs and provide repaired and refurbished goods to be bought by the public.

Recognises the innovative nature of the project and that, by highlighting repair skills, will be diverting waste from landfill and helping the Council meet recycling targets, achieve its Single Outcome Agreement and comply with the Climate Change Act.

Further notes that a sister project in London, Remade in Brixton, has been able to become operational partly due to the support of the local council, which provided free suitable building space in the form of a set of disused garages.

Is also aware that there is presently disused and abandoned space in central Edinburgh which is currently incurring a maintenance cost to the Council.

Understands that Remade in Edinburgh intends to submit funding applications in February to the Jubilee People's Millions and the Climate Challenge Fund to enable it to renovate premises and provide for staff and workshops and that interested parties can contact the project through remadeinedinburgh@gmail.com.

Believes that the project could be a flagship Repair Centre for Scotland, which other cities could learn from and replicate.

Therefore agrees, where practical, to provide start-up advice to Remade in Edinburgh and particularly in its search for suitable premises.”

9.7 Motion by Councillor Johnstone – City Wide Reusable Bonus Bag Scheme

“That this Council:

Recognises the social, economic and environmental benefits of local high streets across the city and is committed to working with local traders to improve these essential and invaluable community assets;

Commends the work of Greener Leith in encouraging local people to use local shops through the promotion of the Greener Leith Bonus Bag where discounts and offers are available to shoppers using the Greener Leith or alternative reusable bag;

Recognises the aim of becoming a zero waste city given the need to save resources, cut CO2 emissions and reduce the financial costs to the city in waste disposal;

Notes the public support for measures to make Edinburgh plastic bag free;

Notes that Ireland, Wales and Northern Ireland have introduced taxes on plastic bags and that countries including Italy have banned them entirely;

Agrees that a forward thinking capital city which markets itself as ‘Edinburgh’ can show the Scottish Government that more action is needed; and

Calls for a report into how a reusable bag scheme can be rolled out across the city, looking, for example, at opportunities available within the Town Centre Regeneration projects for funding and promotion.”

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Head of Legal and Administrative Services

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.
- 2) A copy of the agenda and papers for this meeting will be available for inspection prior to the meeting at the main reception office, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh.
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