

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 28 April 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 Buchan – City Centre Parking Spaces** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.2 **By Councillor Buchan – Controlled Parking Zone Extension – Ashley Area** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.3 **By Councillor Buchan – Festival Square Big Screen Television** – for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee
- 4.4 **By Councillor Buchan – Private Airport Taxis – Access to Mount Royal Hotel and Shandwick Place Travelodge** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

- 4.5 **By Councillor Buchan – Holyrood Park – Taxi Access** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.6 **By Councillor Godzik – Review of Public Conveniences** - for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.7 **By Councillor Godzik – Road Safety in Greenbank** - for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.8 **By Councillor Godzik – The Gathering** – for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 4.9 **By Councillor Burns – Advice Services Review** – for answer by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.10 **By Councillor Day – Granton Primary Alterations** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.11 **By Councillor Day – Granton Primary School Nursery – Additional Places** - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.12 **By Councillor Day – Taylor’s Fun Fair at Granton** – for answer by the Convener of the Regulatory Committee
- 4.13 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Statutory Notices** – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 4.14 **By Councillor Munro – Duncan Place Resource Centre** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.15 **By Councillor Munro – Trinity Primary School – P1 Intake** - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.16 **By Councillor Munro – Schools and Community Centres – Property Condition Reports** - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.17 **By Councillor Munro – Graham Devlin Report on the Festival City Theatre Trust** – for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee
- 4.18 **By Councillor Child – CAPRO – Withdrawal of Seconded Staff** - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

- 4.19 **By Councillor Child – Annual End of Term Concerts** - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.20 **By Councillor Hart – Garden Aid** – for answer by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.21 **By Councillor Godzik – Secondary School Management Restructuring** - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.22 **By Councillor Godzik – Edinburgh Primary Schools – Team Teaching in 2011/12** - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.23 **By Councillor Rust – Statutory Notices – Complaints** – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 4.24 **By Councillor Johnstone – Recycling** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.25 **By Councillor Rose – Graffiti Removal and Fly Posting** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

5 Minutes

- 5.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council of 10 March 2011** (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

6 Election Business

If any

7 Reports from Committees

- 7.1 **Leader’s Report** (circulated)
- 7.2 **Scheme of Delegation to Officers – Proposed Addition** – report from the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)

8 New Business

- 8.1 **Lothian Buses – Board Appointments** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

9 Reports from Neighbourhood Partnerships

- 9.1 **Transition from Fairer Scotland Funding to Council Funding in 2011/2012** – report from the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership (circulated)

10 Notices of Motion for Debate at Council

10.1 By Councillor Edie – Bicentenary of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital

“Council notes the Bicentenary of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital and agrees the Lord Provost commemorates this in an appropriate way.”

10.2 By Councillor Day – Trinity Primary School – Team Teaching

“Council calls for a report from the Director of Children and Families on the practical arrangements being made to accommodate the proposed team teaching at Trinity Primary School, to include an update on what practical arrangements have been put in place in other schools where team teaching has become necessary.”

10.3 By Councillor Hinds and Councillor Whyte – Inverleith Park

“Council notes the deep concern of the local community regarding the proposed disposal of the depot site within Inverleith Park. Council therefore instructs the Director of City Development to report to the Policy and Strategy Committee setting out the current position with regard to the proposal to dispose of the site; the Planning status of the land and the details of any community consultation undertaken or planned on this proposal.”

10.4 By Councillor Henderson – International Workers Memorial Day

“Council notes that the April meeting of Council coincides with International Workers Memorial Day. Council reaffirms its support for this day and resolves to mark the event by observing a minute’s silence at 12 noon.”

10.5 By Councillor Buchan – Private Factoring Agents

“Council:

- i) notes that many residents hold concerns over the activities and qualifications of private factoring agents;
- ii) notes that there are no regulatory mechanisms in place to review the quality of private factors operating in Edinburgh and that any person or organisation can simply describe themselves as a factor;
- iii) notes that a licence system would allow residents a licence review opportunity where significant issues exist;
- iv) therefore agrees to provide a report within four cycles to investigate the creation of a by-law that would require private factors to register with the City Council and pay a licence fee that would provide a cost neutral solution.”

10.6 By Councillor Buchan – Local Nature Reserves

“Council calls for a report within three cycles:

- i) outlining how Local Nature Reserves in the City can be further protected from development pressures within the planning system; and
- ii) examining the potential for transfer of ownership of Local Nature Reserves from the City Council to properly constituted Friends Groups or Charitable Trusts to protect such areas further and to encourage greater community stewardship.”

10.7 By Councillor Burgess – Edinburgh Local Currency

“That the Council:

Welcomes the initiative to set up an Edinburgh local currency;

Recognises the innovative nature of the project and notes that it is intended to be a community-led project, that will develop a local paper or possibly electronic currency for Edinburgh residents to use in local independent shops. The potential benefits including: strengthening the local economy; raising awareness of the importance of local trade; building community identity and reducing the city’s carbon footprint;

Further notes that a local currency in Brixton, the Brixton Pound, is strongly supported by Lambeth Borough Council which has pledged to promote its use internally and throughout the local businesses and organisations with whom they hold relationships;

Understands that the Edinburgh Local Economy Group organised a successful Edinburgh Local Economy Day on Saturday 9 April to assess the interest of a local currency in Edinburgh;

Notes that the next step could be to run a pilot scheme, similar to Greener Hawick, asking residents and local shops supportive of the idea to pledge they would use the currency;

Believes that the project could be the first urban (whole-city) local currency project in Scotland, which other cities could learn from and replicate;

Notes that interested parties can contact the project through edinburgh.pound@gmail.com;

Therefore calls for a report on the possible benefits of a local currency to local economy and environment, including how it could strengthen local communities and reduce poverty, and proposing a strategy for supporting community groups in their efforts to establish an Edinburgh Pound.”

10.8 By Councillor Johnstone – Drying Greens

“That this Council:

Notes that the average carbon emissions for weekly tumble dryer use is around 390kg per year;

Notes that in a recent survey by ‘COMAS’ (a community development organisation working to promote recovery and resilience amongst individuals and communities) of modern housing developments, 10,000 households in Edinburgh were identified as having no opportunity to dry clothes out of doors;

Notes that despite increasing fuel poverty many people need to use heating just to dry washing;

Therefore calls for a report on out of door drying including, how to ensure that developers could be required to provide outdoor drying space for residents and on what action would be required to reform title conditions that prevent drying washing outside.”

10.9 By Councillor Johnstone – Broadening Access to Council Meetings

“That this Council:

Acknowledges that access to Council debates, particularly for residents who would otherwise be unable to attend, would be greatly enhanced if these meetings were webcast or podcast and calls for a report outlining costs and potential benefits, including free public access Wifi.”

Alastair Maclean
Head of Legal and Administrative Services

Notes:

- 1) For remaining item of business, likely to be considered in private, see separate agenda.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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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