

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 30 June 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

3.1 Gaelic Medium Education

- (a) **Comann nam Parant** – e-mail dated 31 May 2011 (circulated)
- (b) **Bord na Gaidhlig** – e-mail dated 7 June 2011 (circulated)

3.2 Edinburgh Tram Project

- (a) **Edinburgh Railway Action Group** – e-mail dated 15 June 2011 (circulated)

4 Questions

- 4.1 **By Councillor Johnstone – Energy Management and Energy Efficiency in Schools** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.2 **By Councillor Johnstone – Energy Costs in Schools** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.3 **By Councillor Johnstone – Recycling** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

- 4.4 **By Councillor Rust – Pentland Primary School – Composite Classes** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.5 **By Councillor Rust – Firrhill Health and Social Care Centre** – for answer by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.6 **By Councillor Cook – Learning Support Teachers and Assistants in High Schools** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.7 **By Councillor Child – People with Learning Disabilities Placed in Hospitals or Care Homes** – for answer by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.8 **By Councillor Godzik – Physical Education in Schools** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

5 Minutes

- 5.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council of 2 June 2011** (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

6 Election Business

- 6.1 **Appointments to Committees and Joint Boards** – report by the Acting Director of Corporate Services (to follow)

7 Reports from Committees

- 7.1 **Leader's Report** (circulated)
- 7.2 **Prudential Borrowing for Loans to Registered Social Landlords** – report from the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)
- 7.3 **Smart City Work Programme – BT Efficiency Fund** – report from the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)
- 7.4 **Review of Secondary Schools Management Structures** – report from the Education, Children and Families Committee (circulated)

8 New Business

8.1 Unaudited Financial Statements

- (a) **Unaudited Financial Statements 2010/11** – report by the Director of Finance (circulated)

Note: Appendix 2 is available in Group Rooms.

- (b) **Unaudited Pensions Fund Annual Report 2010/11** – report from the Pensions and Trusts Committee (to follow)

- 8.2 Edinburgh Tram Project** – report by the Director of City Development (circulated separately)
- 8.3 Review of the Council’s Management Structure** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.4 Gaelic Medium Education**
- (a) Future Development of Nursery and Primary Gaelic Medium Education** – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
 - (b) Outcomes Arising from Consultation on Proposals for the Future Development of Nursery and Primary Gaelic Medium Education** – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 8.5 Review of Denominational (Roman Catholic) School Catchment Areas that Cross the Local Authority Boundary between West Lothian Council and the City of Edinburgh Council – Outcome of Consultation** – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 8.6 City Centre Retail Strategy** – report by the Director of City Development (circulated)
- 8.7 Review of The Gathering Event** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

9 Reports from Neighbourhood Partnerships

If any

10 Notices of Motion for Debate at Council

10.1 By Councillor Buchan – Meggetland Landscaping

“Council:

- i) notes that the original planning application landscaping design for Meggetland between the sports pitches and Allan Park Crescent was not implemented;
- ii) notes that residents of Allan Park Crescent are concerned about the low levels of maintenance, build up of weeds and rubbish along their boundary with Meggetland;
- iii) agrees to re-landscape the area by grassing the boundary and undertaking regular grass cutting.”

10.2 By Councillor Buchan – Colony Properties

“Council:

- i) notes that some colony developments in the city have statutory protection through listing and or conservation area status whilst others currently have no such protection;
- ii) agrees that a planning protection review of the various colony developments would be advantageous and agrees to provide funding for such a study to be made available to allow an assessment to be made on the levels of protection that exist for this very particular form of development.”

10.3 By Councillor Johnstone – South Morningside Primary School Save to Spend Proposal to Deliver PE for All Pupils

“That this Council warmly welcomes the work of the parent body at South Morningside Parent Council in their efforts to ensure that every pupil at the school receives the national minimum recommendation of two hours physical education each week;

Notes that a recent consultation of parents at South Morningside Primary School voted overwhelmingly in favour of removing the bus service between the school and the Cluny Annexe, saving approximately £20,000 annually and delivering health, educational and environmental benefits;

Notes that £5000 of this saving could be used to pay for the rental of hall space at Cluny which would allow all pupils at South Morningside Primary School to receive two hours per week of physical education and that P1 and P2 pupils receive only thirty minutes of gym per week at present;

Notes that a proportion of this saving could be used to improve road safety between the main school building and the Cluny annexe; and

Calls for a detailed report into how the Council can best support the school body in taking forward the work required to transfer funding released by cancellation of this coach service into the delivery of two hours physical education each week for each pupil.”

10.4 By Councillor Blacklock – Consumption of Alcohol in Designated Places

“Council notes that on 12 October 2006 the Council exercised powers under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to make a byelaw prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in designated places.

Council also notes that the City of Edinburgh Council (Prohibition of Consumption of Alcohol in Designated Places) Byelaws 2006 came into effect on 8 January 2007 and states that:

'Any person who consumes alcoholic liquor in a designated place and fails to desist on being required to do so by a Police Constable, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine...'

Council further notes that the 'designated place' refers to the whole of the City of Edinburgh.

Due to the daily occurrence of drinking and anti-social behaviour in Hopetoun Crescent Garden which are a matter of police record and a blight on the lives of local residents, Council agrees to bring these difficulties to the attention of the Chief Constable with a view to the byelaws being utilised to address these issues."

10.5 By Councillor Hinds – Spartans Football Club 60th Anniversary

"Council congratulates The Spartans Football Club on its 60th anniversary. Spartans have achieved football success over the years and now provide football opportunities for all ages and both sexes, with the support of many individuals, companies and organisations.

Council notes that, with the establishment of The Spartans Community Football Academy, they are to be praised for working in partnership with numerous local organisations to deliver community programmes such as: Street Football in a Safe Place, Friday FooTEA club, Street Fit-Baw Programme and School Visit Programmes. The Academy's vision is to provide North Edinburgh with a community-inspired, developed and managed facility, to help develop sporting, social and life skills for people of all ages.

Council agrees to invite representatives of Spartans for a civic reception in order to recognise their success and thank the individuals who have contributed to that success."

10.6 By Councillor Blacklock – Draft Commissioning Plan for Advice, Support and Accommodation Services to Prevent Homelessness

"Council notes the Draft Commissioning Plan for Advice, Support and Accommodation Services to Prevent Homelessness 2011-2016 which was agreed for formal consultation at the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee on 24 May 2011.

Council further notes that the draft states: 'the final commissioning plan will guide spend of an annual budget of over £57 million and will result in significant changes to future service delivery as the Council seeks to achieve more with less money'.

Council has concerns that equalities legislation has not been taken fully into account in the framing of this draft commissioning plan in general but with particular reference to vulnerable women (reference 8.6) and adults with learning disabilities (reference 13.19).

Council therefore agrees that a comprehensive equalities impact assessment of this potentially flawed consultation is carried out, to specifically include the above references.”

11 Notices of Motion for Remit to Committees

11.1 By Councillor Hinds – Affordable Housing Policy for Planning Applications – for remit to the Planning Committee

“Committee welcomes the adoption of an affordable housing policy for planning applications.

Committee notes that Edinburgh is the only place in Scotland that is delivering every type of approved affordable housing tenure.

Committee further notes concerns that, in some circumstances, planning applications have been approved where affordable housing has been provided off-site, for example in Leith Walk, Blacket Estate, Trinity and the Grange.

Therefore Committee calls for a report which addresses how the Council should approach the delivery of affordable housing on site in conservation areas of the city and in other expensive-to-develop projects.”

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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.
- 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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