

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 25 August 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 Hinds – Tram Sub-Committee** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

4.2 **By Councillor Hinds – tie Ltd – Severance Packages** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

5 Minutes

5.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council** of 30 June 2011 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

6 Election Business

6.1 **By-Election – Ward 11 City Centre** – report by the Returning Officer (to follow)

6.2 **Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards 2011/12** – report by the Acting Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

7 Reports from Committees

- 7.1 **Leader's Report** (circulated)
- 7.2 **Pots, Pans and People – Proposed Community Based Archaeological Project** – report from the Culture and Leisure Committee (circulated)
- 7.3 **Modernising Planning – Schemes of Delegation** – report from the Planning Committee (circulated)
- 7.4 **Commissioning Plan for Advice, Support and Accommodation Services to Prevent Homelessness 2011-2016: Summary of Consultation** – report from the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee (circulated)
- 7.5 **Director of Corporate Governance – Appointment** – report from the Recruitment Committee (to follow)

8 New Business

- 8.1 **Treasury Management: Annual Report 2010/11** – report by the Acting Director of Finance (circulated)
- 8.2 **Edinburgh Tram Project** – report by the Director of City Development (to follow)
- 8.3 **Edinburgh Partnership Single Outcome Agreement 2009-12 – Annual Report on Progress (2010/11)** – report by the Acting Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

Note: Appendix 2 to the above report is available in Group Rooms and from Committee Services, City Chambers and Council Papers on Line.
- 8.4 **Annual Efficiency Statement, 2010/11** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.5 **Ministry of Defence Base Review** – report by the Director of City Development (circulated)
- 8.6 **Improving Employability: Contract Extension for Priority 4 and 5 Grant Agreements** – report by the Director of City Development (circulated)
- 8.7 **21st Century Homes – Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order, North Sighthill** – report by the Director of City Development (circulated)
- 8.8 **Edinburgh Prison Visiting Committee – Appointments** – report by the Acting Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

8.9 Pensions and Trusts Committee Remit – Proposed Change – report by the Acting Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

9 Reports from Neighbourhood Partnerships

If any

10 Notices of Motion for Debate at Council

10.1 By Councillor Rust – Planned Closure of Military Bases in Edinburgh

“Council:

- (i) notes with regret the planned closure of Dregghorn Barracks and Redford Cavalry and Infantry Army Barracks in Colinton and Craigiehall Army Headquarters near Cramond;
- (ii) recognises that while the Ministry of Defence has to make the most efficient use of its estate and that it is vital for armed services personnel to have suitable modern accommodation, the decision will have far reaching implications for the local community in Colinton, particularly in relation to local schools and businesses;
- (iii) further recognises that any decisions in development and planning terms require to be taken strategically given the size of the large military bases involve;
- (iv) therefore instructs the Chief Executive to initiate a Working Group or Task Force as soon as possible to consider the future for those bases and surrounding area; suggests such Group to include senior officers from the Children and Families, City Development and Health and Social Care Departments;
- (v) requests that local elected members, Almond and Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnerships, Colinton Amenity Association and Firrhill Community Council are regularly updated with developments as appropriate;
- (vi) calls on all elected members at Council, Holyrood and Westminster to work together constructively for the benefit of both the army and civilian communities in the areas affected by this decision and to maintain regular dialogue on a non-partisan basis.”

10.2 By Councillor McInnes – Control of Mink Across the City

“Council calls for a report on the control of mink across the city.”

10.3 By Councillor Buchan – Denesting Service for Gulls and Pigeons

“Council:

- (i) notes that many local authorities are concerned about the impact on residential amenity that nesting gulls/pigeons cause and notes that several offer a free denesting service.
- (ii) the impact of gulls/pigeons in the city is of grave concern to many in tenemental areas where there are environmental and safety issues prevalent.
- (iii) calls for a report in three cycles that accurately reviews the actions of other UK local authorities, devolved government and other agencies on how the issue of nesting gulls/pigeons is treated in other parts of the UK and identifies a best practice solution for use in Edinburgh.”

10.4 By Councillor Buchan – Support for the Activities of Trade Union Officials

“Council:

- (i) notes that a pressure group has suggested that the City of Edinburgh Council has seen £473,965 of taxpayers funds used to indirectly support the activities of trade union officials in the capital.
- (ii) Council instructs the Chief Executive to investigate this figure and to report back to Council within two cycles on its accuracy and to advise on what direct and indirect costs are incurred through union activity.”

10.5 By Councillor Balfour – Edinburgh Tram – National Concessionary Travel Scheme

“Council:

- (i) notes with disappointment that Transport Scotland still have not made a final decision on whether the National Concessionary Travel Scheme can be used on the Edinburgh trams. The most recent Business Case projected that around 20% of tram passengers will be using the scheme and, without this patronage, the tram will likely make a substantial loss and adversely affect Lothian Buses and Council Budgets.

- (ii) due to the seriousness of this issue, Council instructs the Chief Executive to hold emergency talks with Transport Scotland and The Scottish Government to resolve this issue and to get written confirmation that the scheme will apply to the trams. Until this assurance is received in writing, no final agreement should be signed by the Council with the Contractor. The Chief Executive should report on progress to Full Council within one cycle.”

10.6 By Councillor Munn – Leith Rules Golf Society

“Council:

- (i) notes that the first recorded rules of the game of golf were created by the golfers playing at Leith Links in 1744;
- (ii) notes the aim of The Leith Rules Golf Society to erect a statue of John Rattray, the leading golfer at Leith Links in 1744, to commemorate this historic event;
- (iii) notes the substantial local and community support for this proposal;
- (iv) calls for a report, in one cycle, on the feasibility of erecting such a statue, with specific reference to legal or legislative requirements which may need addressed.”

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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.
- 3) The agenda, minutes and public reports for this meeting and all the main Council committees can be viewed online by going to www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cpol. Members and Officers of the Council can also view them by going to the Orb home page and clicking on Committee papers online.



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