

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda

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### The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 24 November 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 Alternative Business Models Review Programme

- (a) **UNISON, City of Edinburgh Branch** – e-mail request (circulated)
- (b) **Greater Leith Against the Cuts** – e-mail request (circulated)

#### 4 Questions

- 4.1 **By Councillor Whyte – Edinburgh Stadium Development Options** – for answer by the Convener of the Economic Development Committee
- 4.2 **By Councillor Day – Council Properties on the Royal Mile** – for answer by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.3 **By Councillor Day – Transfer of Management Development Funding** – for answer by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.4 **By Councillor Hinds – Edinburgh Tram Project – Inquiry** – for answer by the Leader of the Council

- 4.5 **By Councillor Hinds – Edinburgh Tram Project – Freedom of Information Request** – for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 4.6 **By Councillor Hinds – Edinburgh Tram Project – Information for Inquiry** – for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 4.7 **By Councillor Hart – Clipper Race** – for answer by the Convener of the Economic Development Committee
- 4.8 **By Councillor Godzik – School Rolls** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.9 **By Councillor Godzik – Tollcross Primary School Roll** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.10 **By Councillor Godzik – South Morningside Primary School – Capacity** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.11 **By Councillor Godzik – Temporary Teaching Staff** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.12 **By Councillor Godzik – Guidance/Pupil Support Review Working Group** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.13 **By Councillor Henderson – Security Arrangements for the Council Meeting on 27 October 2011** – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee

## 5 Minutes

- 5.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council of 27 October 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 **ICT – Service Redesign** – report from the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)
- 7.3 **Revenue Monitoring 2011/12 – Half Year Position** – report from the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)

## 8 New Business

- 8.1 **Alternative Business Models Review Programme – Environment Workstream** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

**8.2 Boroughmuir High School: Purchase of Fountainbridge Site and Options for Future Development** – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)

**8.3 Directorate of Corporate Governance – Recruitment to the Post of Head of Policy and Public Affairs** – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)

## **9 Reports from Neighbourhood Partnerships**

If any

## **10 Notices of Motion for Debate at Council**

**10.1 Motion by Councillor Edie – Carrick Knowe Church – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Congregation**

“Council notes that Carrick Knowe Church is marking the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their congregation.

Council asks the Lord Provost to write to the Church and convey the Council’s congratulations.”

**10.2 Motion by Councillor Chapman – Support for ‘Occupy Edinburgh’**

“Council:

Notes that the encampment of citizens in St Andrew Square, ‘Occupy Edinburgh’, represents one part of a growing, global movement for real democracy, authentic global equality and justice, and a sustainable economic and ecological future;

Notes that this occupation, together with the more than thousands of others worldwide, is not simply a protest, but an effort to bring to life the inclusive, equitable and sustainable systems desired;

Notes that this movement, and its participants in Edinburgh, have significant support in the wider population;

Believes that it is unacceptable that bailouts for the rich minority who caused the current economic crisis are being paid for with the loss of priceless public services, and this must never be allowed to happen again;

Believes that an economy built on perpetual consumption needlessly depletes our planet’s resources, and causes irreversible environmental damage, and must end now;

Believes that these demands are not only fair, but are in fact the only reasonable response in the face of the crisis faced by our current economic system, our communities and our planet;

Believes that, by setting an example, Edinburgh can help our national governments, and the wider world, finally to accept the real and fundamental changes that are so desperately needed to salvage a sustainable future;

Thus supports the values of Occupy Edinburgh;

Supports the participants of the St Andrew Square occupation in demanding that these values be recognised and acted upon by all governmental bodies in the UK, and worldwide;

Commits to return our democracy to the people, and to work together immediately to create a new, sustainable and equitable Scotland.”

### **10.3 Motion by Councillor Johnstone - Scottish Friends of Bhopal**

“The Council:

Welcomes the establishment of Scottish Friends of Bhopal in the city and commends its efforts in raising awareness and funding for the charity, Bhopal Medical Appeal;

Understands that Scottish Friends of Bhopal will also raise awareness of other victims of environmental and workplace contamination that exist around the world;

Recognises that the Union Carbide Gas Disaster in Bhopal, India was 27 years ago and that this anniversary will be marked by a memorial service at Greyfriars Kirk on the 3rd of December at 3pm;

Acknowledges the courageous struggle for justice and dignity by Bhopalis and congratulates them for their valiant efforts to gain the right to healthcare and compensation for their physical and psychological injuries caused both by the gas leak disaster and by the contamination of ground water in the area;

Notes that the ongoing fight for environmental and social justice in Bhopal continues to this day, that the area has never been fully cleaned up, and that there is still a campaign for Dow Chemical, who have owned Union Carbide since 2001, to take adequate responsibility for the disaster.”

### **10.4 Motion by Councillor Burgess – Transient Visitor Levy (Tourist Bed Tax)**

“This Council:

Notes that the proposal for a levy on visitor accommodation was discussed by the Council as long ago as 1997;

Notes that the idea has resurfaced periodically since then, including as the subject of a report by the Edinburgh Tourism Action Group and in the Council's Economic Development Framework Review in 2007;

Notes support for the concept from the Leader and Deputy Leader reported in the media this autumn but that no report has been made to Council on the proposal;

Recognises the ongoing severe reductions in funding to the Council but that the ongoing Council Tax freeze has limited the Council's ability to raise revenue;

Recognises the potential of a relatively small levy of around £1-2 per night to generate at least £5-10million per annum and that this scale of levy is unlikely to discourage visitors or affect the hotel trade;

Understands that such an approach is taken in the US, other parts of Europe and in major city tourism destinations such as Vancouver, New York and Venice;

Agrees in principle that Edinburgh should now go ahead with the introduction of a Transient Visitor Levy; and

Therefore formally agrees for a full report on the introduction of a Transient Visitor Levy to be made to the Policy & Strategy Committee early in the New Year 2012 at the latest."

#### **10.5 Motion by Councillor Hart – Electricity Sub-Stations**

"Council notes the poor condition of several electricity sub-stations in South Edinburgh and instructs the Director of Corporate Governance to write to Scottish Power requesting action to address this problem in South Edinburgh as well as across the city."

#### **10.6 Motion by Councillor Day – 'Open All Hours'**

"Council commends the excellent work and efforts of 'Open All Hours', a partnership between Community Learning and Development and Edinburgh Leisure, as they celebrate 10 years of successful intervention enabling young people to take part in activities promoting active lifestyles.

Council requests that the Lord Provost mark the occasion in a suitable way."

#### **10.7 Motion by Councillor Ewan Aitken – Zero Tolerance**

"Council notes:

- Previous agreements by the Council to support the aims and objectives of the Zero Tolerance movement to eradicate violence against women;

- The call by Zero Tolerance for employers to sign up as Zero Tolerance employers as part of the move to change the culture which still encourages violence against women.

Council believes that, as a major employer in the city, it has a significant obligation to show by example the actions and commitments of being a good employer.

Council therefore agrees to receive a report on the steps Council would have to take to enable it to sign up as a Zero Tolerance employer.”

#### **10.8 Motion by Councillor Child – Blue Badge Parking Permits**

“Council:

- recognises that the possession of a 'Blue Badge' parking permit can greatly improve the quality of life for many citizens with mobility problems in Edinburgh;
- calls for a report on the performance of the department in issuing Blue Badges over the last year, the reasons for any delays experienced, and the actions taken to ensure these permits can be issued, fairly and efficiently, within a reasonable timescale.”

#### **10.9 Motion by Councillor Hart – Liberton Drive and Alnwickhill Road – Drainage Problems**

“Council notes the continuing problem with drainage, particularly during periods of heavy rain, on Liberton Drive and Alnwickhill Road resulting from Scottish Water building works on the west side of Alnwickhill Road.

Council calls for urgent action to remedy this potentially dangerous flooding and instructs the Director of Services for Communities to negotiate a solution with Scottish Water.”

#### **10.10 Motion by Councillor Chapman - Companies and Organisations wholly owned by the City of Edinburgh Council**

“Council:

Notes that ***tie ltd*** has been wound down following the serious problems encountered with its failure to deliver the Edinburgh Tram project;

Further notes that there are other companies and organisations wholly owned by the Council that manage Council projects and services;

Believes that, in the light of the democratic and managerial failures of ***tie ltd***, it is essential that the Council reviews the value and use of such structures;

Calls for a report, within two cycles, that evaluates the current and future use of such companies and organisations to deliver and manage Council services and projects and outlines possible alternative approaches.”

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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](mailto:carmel.riley@edinburgh.gov.uk).
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