

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 22 December 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 Leith Waterworld

- (a) **Splashback – Save Leith Waterworld Campaign** – e-mail request (circulated)

4 Questions

4.1 **By Councillor Rust – Income from Legal Work for Glasgow City Council** – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee

4.2 **By Councillor Whyte – Day of Industrial Action – Refuse Collections** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

4.3 **By Councillor Buchan – Christmas and New Year Events – Big Screen at Festival Square** – for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee

4.4 **By Councillor Rust – Road Maintenance – Compensation Claims** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

- 4.5 By Councillor Munro – Refuse Collection Dispute** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

5 Minutes

- 5.1 The City of Edinburgh Council** of 24 November 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 Introduction of Charges for Car Parking in the Pentland Hills Regional Park** – report from the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee (circulated)
- 7.3 Annual Reports on the 2010/11 Audits**
- (a) report from the Audit Committee (circulated)
 - (b) report from the Pensions and Trusts Committee (circulated)
- 7.4 Appointment of Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Directorate of Corporate Governance** – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)

8 New Business

- 8.1 Complaints Process for Statutory Notices** – report by the Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 8.2 Management Reporting Arrangements** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.3 Edinburgh Airport Sale – Position Paper** – report by the Director of City Development (circulated)
- 8.4 Waverley Valley Regeneration – Caltongate** – report by the Director of City Development (circulated)
- 8.5 Review of Employability Services: Capital City Partnership** – report by the Director of City Development (circulated)
- 8.6 Appointment of Religious and Teacher Representatives to Council and Council Committees 2012-2016** – 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 Godzik – Anti-Social Behaviour in and around the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links

“Council

- notes recent attacks in the Meadows area, and recognises the high level of community concern over these attacks;
- congratulates Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA) for the positive action they have taken in helping boost personal safety, including the 'walking bus' and Walk Safer Scheme;
- further notes continuing concern from the local community over anti-social behaviour in and around the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links.

Therefore calls on the Council to:

- 1) urgently investigate the level of lighting in and around the park;
- 2) work with Lothian and Borders Police to help provide a more visible and sustained presence in the area;
- 3) work with EUSA and other university organisations to provide and promote appropriate measures, for example self-defence classes and the use of personal alarms;
- 4) report to Council within one cycle on the above.”

10.2 By Councillor Dawe – Edinburgh Festivals Ideas Challenge

“Contrary to certain press speculation following the Edinburgh Festivals Ideas Challenge, Council agrees that it would not support the creation of a campsite on the Meadows.”

10.3 By Councillor Munro – Designation of Robert Louis Stevenson Day

“Council notes the deep affection and respect which citizens of Edinburgh have for Edinburgh author Robert Louis Stevenson, known as RLS, and that this is shared throughout the world.

Council further notes that informal events and celebrations are held each year in the city to mark his birthday on 13 November.

Council therefore agrees to designate 13 November as RLS Day in Edinburgh. Council further calls for a report, in conjunction with the City of Literature Trust and the Centre for Literature and Writing at Edinburgh Napier University, to the Culture and Leisure Committee presenting options as to how this can be celebrated in Edinburgh.”

10.4 By Councillor Munro – Keeping of Pets

“Council notes with concern the recent incident in Cables Wynd House in which a dog attacked 5 residents.

Council further notes that section 2.5 of the Scottish Secure Tenancy agreement states that ‘the keeping of dogs is not permitted in multi-storey flats’.

Council calls for a report to the next Health, Social Care and Housing Committee which takes into account the recent relaxation of the above agreement in certain blocks in the city and presents options on how Section 2.5 can be enforced, taking account of the recent incident in Cables Wynd House, the issues of irresponsible owners and animal welfare.”

10.5 By Councillor Johnstone – Leith Waterworld

“That this Council;

Previously agreed that Leith Waterworld would remain open up until the new facilities at the refurbished Commonwealth Pool were open to the public and agrees therefore, that the decision to close Leith Waterworld on 8 January 2012 is premature and contravenes this commitment.

Notes that, as part of the Council’s 2011/12 funding agreement with Edinburgh Leisure, an equalities impact assessment is required to ascertain the impact of any reduction in service on a local community, should an Edinburgh Leisure service be withdrawn and that this Council therefore agrees

To work with Edinburgh Leisure to ensure Leith Waterworld remains open as per the amendment tabled by Councillor Cardownie in February 2007 and calls for an Equalities Impact Assessment to be undertaken, the results of which will inform any further decision taken regarding the future of Leith Waterworld.”

10.6 By Councillor Jackson – Local Roads Budgets

“Council notes current budgetary difficulties being experienced in road repair and maintenance across certain neighbourhood management areas and calls for a report on ways in which the budget for local road repairs can be managed flexibly to enable a more responsive distribution of funds across the City.”

10.7 By Councillor Balfour – Council Christmas Cards

“Council notes that in contrast with previous years, no Council Christmas Cards had the words "Merry Christmas", only "Season Greetings", and instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that there is an option to have "Merry Christmas" on Christmas cards for 2012.”

10.8 By Councillor Buchan – Mary Portas Report on Revitalisation of Town Centres

“Council notes the recent report produced by Mary Portas on behalf of the UK Government on ways to revitalise town centres across the Country and calls for a review into this report and how its 28 recommendations could be utilised to help boost the various local centres located across the Capital. This review to be produced within three cycles.”

10.9 By Councillor Rose – Edinburgh Festivals Challenge – Meadows

“Council:

- notes the innovative ideas generated by the Edinburgh Festivals Challenge;
- notes the publicity associated with a suggestion to use the Meadows as a Festival campsite; and
- resolves not to support this option.”

10.10 By Councillor Mowat – Edinburgh World Heritage Site

“Council recognises the importance of the Edinburgh World Heritage Site in terms of its contribution to the city’s economy and quality of life and agrees to bring forward a report in 2 cycles examining how the city could both delineate the site’s boundaries and promote the World Heritage status within those boundaries in an appropriate manner.”

10.11 By Councillor Mowat – Short-term Property Lets

“Council notes:

- the increase in flats being let on a short-term basis to visitors to the city;
- that these flats and their Landlords are unlicensed;
- that the frequent changeover of occupants and lack of supervision can cause conflict with residents;
- that loopholes in legislation, combined with new ways of advertising and attracting business have had a negative impact on the quality of life of residents in the City Centre and therefore agrees:
 - i. to examine all Council guidelines and legislation to see if there is a way of controlling troublesome examples of such properties;
 - ii. to work with all statutory bodies with powers of enforcement including HMRC and Lothian Joint Valuation Board to see if they can use their powers to regulate such properties;
 - iii. to bring back a report within three cycles detailing the result of these investigations together with recommendations for a way forward.”

10.12 By Councillor Mowat – City Centre Business Resilience

“Council:

- recognises the negative impact on City Centre businesses due to the difficult economic climate since 2008, exacerbated by tram works in the heart of the City Centre;
- further recognises that the closure of both Shandwick Place and York Place in 2012 in addition to Princes Street will create such adverse conditions that the viability of businesses could be threatened and instructs the Director of City Development to report back within two cycles on:
 - i. how the £455,000 Open for Business Grant will be spent;
 - ii. how businesses can be supported so that Edinburgh can be assured there will be a thriving City Centre in place when the tram finally runs - this should include petitioning the Edinburgh and Lothian Joint Valuation Board for a rates reduction and consideration of a temporary relaxation of parking regulations.”

10.13 By Councillor Elaine Aitken – BT Broadband

“Council:

- notes the announcement this week by BT of a new phase in the roll-out of superfast fibre broadband from which seven Edinburgh exchanges will benefit;
- notes that Fairmilehead Exchange will not be one of these;
- agrees to work with local groups and residents to see if a business case can be developed to enable Fairmilehead to be included in future phases of the roll-out.”

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Notes:

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