

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 2 February 2012 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 **Edinburgh Prison Visiting Committee** – e-mail request (circulated)

4 Questions

4.1 **By Councillor Mowat – Refuse Collection Service** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

4.2 **By Councillor Mowat – Tram Construction Method** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

4.3 **By Councillor Burns – Alternative Business Models Programme** – for answer by the Leader of the Council

4.4 **By Councillor Blacklock – Library Usage** – for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee

4.5 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Building Contractors' Claims** – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee

4.6 **By Councillor Hinds – Bus Route Subsidies** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

- 4.7 **By Councillor Johnstone – Edinburgh Leisure Budget** – for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee
- 4.8 **By Councillor Johnstone – Safer Cycling** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.9 **By Councillor Johnstone – Local Authority Election – Voter Turnout** – for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 4.10 **By Councillor Johnstone – Future of Track Cycling in Edinburgh** – for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee

5 Minutes

- 5.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council** of 22 December 2011 – submitted for approval as a correct record (circulated)
- 5.2 **The City of Edinburgh Special Council** of 19 January 2012 – submitted for approval as a correct record (circulated)

6 Election Business

If any

7 Reports from Committees

- 7.1 **Leader’s Report** (circulated)
- 7.2 **Managing Attendance Procedure** – report from the Policy and Strategy Committee (circulated)

8 New Business

- 8.1 **Outcome of the Consultation Process for the Proposal to close Westfield Court Nursery School – Affecting Tynecastle Nursery School and Calderglen Nursery School** – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 8.2 **Standards Commission for Scotland – Decision of Hearing Panel** – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 8.3 **COSLA and Improvement Service – Annual Conference and Exhibition** – 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 By Councillor Buchan – Restaurant Waste Containers

“Council:

- i. notes that the issue of waste containers associated with restaurants can be a source for olfactory pollution and disturbance for residents;
- ii. notes that powers to remove such containers are cumbersome to use and not fit for purpose; and
- iii. calls for a report into establishing a new by-law that would give the Council powers to remove offending containers if there were the validated support of up to 6 neighbouring residents.”

10.2 By Councillor Mowat – Edinburgh Prison Visiting Committee

“Council:

- i. notes the recent decision of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice to abolish prison visiting committees thereby removing independent monitoring of Scottish penal institutions from the landscape;
- ii. regrets this decision and will seek to join with others to campaign to retain independent monitoring of Scottish penal institutions;
- iii. instructs the Chief Executive to write on behalf of the Council to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice outlining our concerns and asking for him to re-consider his decision.”

10.3 By Councillor Buchan – European Indoor Hockey Competition

“Council:

- i. notes that Inverleith Hockey Club is hosting the 2012 European Indoor Hockey Competition between the 16th and 18th of February featuring clubs from Denmark, Scotland, France, Ukraine, Belgium and the Czech Republic.
- ii. agrees to hold an appropriate reception on the 16th to welcome competitors to the City and hopes that the Lord Provost or Deputy Lord Provost will be able to represent the Council at the closing ceremony on the 18th.”

10.4 By Councillor Wheeler – Investment in our City

- “(a) Council notes this Administration’s prudent management of the Council’s finances leading to the target of an unallocated reserves level of £12 million being reached one year earlier than had been anticipated;
- (b) Council further acknowledges the priorities identified by our citizens through the budget engagement programme and other consultations;
- (c) Council therefore agrees to release £2 million from the Budget Flexibility Reserve to be used in the current financial year (2011/12) for:
1. £500,000 Pothole and Pavement repairs;
 2. £650,000 Local Environmental/Amenity priorities;
 3. £250,000 Road Safety and Active Travel;
 4. £100,000 Telecare;
 5. £100,000 Specialist Equipment for Disabled and Elderly People;
 6. £100,000 Open for Business;
 7. £35,000 Marketing Edinburgh;
 8. £100,000 Fund for disadvantaged and disabled children to access sport and outdoor centres;
 9. £100,000 Youth Music and Arts Innovation Fund;
 10. £30,000 Internet Security – Edinburgh School Children;
 11. £10,000 City Archives; and
 12. £25,000 Edinburgh Design Initiative.”

10.5 By Councillor Wilson – Wester Hailes Healthy Living Centre

- “1. Edinburgh South West Neighbourhood Partnership (ESW NP), at its meeting of 24 January 2012, mandated Councillor Donald Wilson (as Partnership Chair) to submit this Motion to Full Council.
2. The ESW NP continues to seek early resolution of the issues surrounding the difficulties with the development of the access between the new-build Wester Hailes Healthy Living Centre and the West Side Plaza Shopping Centre.
3. The surrounding local community have continuously expressed concerns, and severe disappointment, at the apparent lack of progress in securing this important access route.

4. The ESW NP therefore requests an urgent report on the progress of this development, with a focus on the intention (and resolution) of securing suitable access across/under the local railway line.
5. The above report to return to Council within a maximum of 2 cycles.”

10.6 By Councillor Johnstone – Exemption from Long Leases (Scotland) Bill and Edinburgh’s Waverley Market

“That the Council:

Notes that The Scottish Government has re-introduced its Long Leases Bill which fell in the last session of Parliament when it ran out of time.

Notes that the Bill is designed to automatically convert leases of over 175 years with at least 100 years to run into full ownership.

Notes that Waverley Market is currently leased for 1p per year on a 206 year lease which expires in 2188.

Agrees to write to the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee of the Scottish Parliament seeking an exemption for this site on the grounds that this multi million pound asset belongs to the people of Edinburgh and should not be lost to future residents for the price of a few pennies.”

10.7 By Councillor Johnstone – Review of Trees removed for Tram Works

“That this Council:

Acknowledges the important contribution trees make to the city’s landscape and to air quality;

Notes the high level of concern amongst residents regarding removal of mature trees for tram works and lack of consultation regarding these works; and

Calls for a report outlining where and how many trees have been removed, any future planned removal and full details of planned replacements including numbers and variety and for increased engagement and consultation with residents regarding local tree removal.”

10.8 By Councillor Burgess – Sale of Leith Waterworld

“That this Council:

Notes the decision to sell Leith Waterworld in order to obtain a capital receipt and finance the Royal Commonwealth Pool;

Notes the ‘Splashback’ campaign and significant community opinion in favour of *reopening* Leith Waterworld;

Notes the value of Leith Waterworld to the Leith community and to Edinburgh as a dedicated leisure pool particularly suited for people with disability and for children;

Notes that there are many successful community-operated leisure pools including in Ullapool, Callander, Lochgilphead, Duns and the ‘Atlantis Leisure Centre’ in Oban;

Notes the option of a community purchase of the building in order to re-open Leith Waterworld which would also generate the required capital receipt for the RCP;

However, notes that the need to draw up a business plan and secure funding, means a community bid is unlikely to be ready by the current 8th February closing date for offers for the Leith Waterworld site;

Therefore requests that the closing date is extended for up to 6 months to allow a community bid to be developed and submitted; and

Requests that offers for Leith Waterworld are referred to the Policy & Strategy committee to ensure that community benefit is addressed and maximised in any decision regarding the sale of Leith Waterworld.”

11 Notices of Motion for Remit to Committees

11.1 By Councillor Hinds – Site on Telford Drive – for remit to the Economic Development Committee

“Committee calls for a report on the background to the disused site on Telford Drive, next to the current shop, and the potential for mixed use development, including a new retail unit and affordable housing. Officials should have discussions with Drylaw/Telford Community Council, Manor Estates and EDI before reporting back to Committee on options for the development of this site.”

11.2 By Councillor Child – Traffic Speeds and Road Safety on the Jewel ‘Bus Only’ Route – for remit to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

“Council recognises concerns of local residents about traffic speeds and road safety on the Jewel 'bus only' route between Duddingston Road South and Asda, particularly at peak periods, and calls for a report within one cycle to the Transport Infrastructure and Environment Committee on measures to help enforce the legal restrictions currently in place and reduce the speed of vehicles using this route.”

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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.
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