

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 15 March 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

If any

4 Questions

4.1 **By Councillor Mowat – Residents' Parking** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

4.2 **By Councillor Mowat – Randolph Place/Great Stuart Street Corridor – Effects of Increased Traffic** – for answer by the Leader of the Council

4.3 **By Councillor McKay – Council Debt Level** – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee

4.4 **By Councillor Burgess – Edinburgh Airport Expansion** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

4.5 **By Councillor Henderson – “Right First Time” Repairs** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

- 4.6 **By Councillor Munro – “Edinburgh Spring Clean Initiative”** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.7 **By Councillor Munro – Community Learning and Development Review** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.8 **By Councillor Munro – Libraries Service** – for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee
- 4.9 **By Councillor Munro – Duncan Place Resource Centre Lift Project** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.10 **By Councillor Hinds – Statutory Repairs Notices** – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee

5 Minutes

- 5.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council** of 2 February 2012 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record
- 5.2 **The City of Edinburgh Council** of 9 February 2012 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

6 Election Business

If any

7 Reports from Committees

- 7.1 **Leader’s Report** (to follow)
- 7.2 **Next Generation Library Strategy 2012-2015 – Outcome of Consultation** – report from the Culture and Leisure Committee (circulated)
- 7.3 **Transient Visitor Levy** – report from the Policy and Strategy Committee (circulated)
- 7.4 **Modernising Planning – Schemes of Delegation – Planning Obligations** – report from the Planning Committee (circulated)

8 New Business

- 8.1 **New James Gillespie’s High School Campus** – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 8.2 **Annual Treasury Strategy 2012/13** – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)

8.3 Trade Union Staffing Costs – 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 Child – Portobello Water Polo Team

“Council warmly congratulates Portobello Water Polo Team on winning the British Championship in its Centenary year, and agrees to celebrate their excellent achievements in an appropriate way.”

10.2 By Councillor Gordon Mackenzie – Bike Lease Scheme and Promotion of Cycling

“Council notes the success of other cities in increasing cycle use through targeted cycling promotion activities. Council therefore instructs the Head of Transport to:

- (a) pilot a bike lease scheme similar to the model proposed by the Bike Station as part of their recent People’s Lottery bid, initially with 200 bikes, and with the flexibility to increase the size in future; and
- (b) prepare proposals which will deliver targeted cycling promotion activities and promote better cycling.

Council further agrees that the Head of Transport seeks third party support, including the potential for commercial sponsorship, for the cycle leasing scheme and targeted promotion activities and reports to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee later this year.”

10.3 By Councillor Hinds – 20 Years of Zero Tolerance in Edinburgh

“The launch of the first Zero Tolerance Campaign took place in Edinburgh in 1992 with the attendance and support of the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Convener of Lothian Regional Council, the Police and the Churches.

Over the past twenty years, Zero Tolerance has worked with Local and National Government, communities, women's and men's organisations, schools, youth clubs, the media and others to address the causes of violence against women and bring about change.

Therefore the Council agrees to have discussions with the Zero Tolerance Charitable Trust in order to commemorate and celebrate twenty years of Zero Tolerance in Edinburgh.”

10.4 By Councillor Balfour – Delivery Standards

“Council:

- (i) notes that there is no set reference for the public on the minimum delivery standards of public services delivered by the Council;
- (ii) agrees to develop a minimum standard of service delivery charter that the public can refer to when expressing concerns regarding the delivery of basic Council services;
- (iii) calls for a report within two cycles on how this can be achieved.”

10.5 By Councillor Buchan – Consultation

“Council:

- (i) notes that the Council has a number of different systems to enable consultation with stakeholders and residents. These include planning applications, licensing applications, traffic regulation orders, community planning issues, education matters, etc;
- (ii) notes that the access points and means of communicating that consultations are underway vary and that there is no common point for people to easily identify issues under discussion in their area;
- (iii) calls for a report to be produced within three cycles to identify the opportunities of creating one common electronic based consultation system to allow easier access for potential stakeholders on a ward, neighbourhood partnership and community council basis.”

10.6 By Councillor Buchan – Payment of Fines

“Council:

- (i) notes that the payment of parking fines at the High Street office can involve waiting in lengthy queues;
- (ii) agrees to look at ways in which various fines can be paid by electronic means at the High Street to make the service more efficient and cost effective; this report to be produced within three cycles.”

10.7 By Councillor Munro - Public Entertainment Licences

“Council notes that amendments to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1983, which could impact on the public entertainment licensing regime, are coming into force on 1 April 2012.

Council further notes that these changes could be detrimental to the community events and arts scene in the city.

Council therefore agrees to call for a report from the Chief Executive on what the likely implications are for Edinburgh and what measures are to be put in place to ensure that free entry to community events, performances and/or arts events, including author events, are protected from unnecessary bureaucracy and expenditure.”

10.8 By Councillor Chapman – Participatory Budgeting

“Council notes the success of the £eith Decides process in involving local people in decision making about how their money is spent by the Council, with over 700 people attending the event on the 25th of February at Ocean Terminal.

Council further notes that this is one of the largest turnouts to any Neighbourhood Partnership meeting, and believes that allowing people to decide how Council funding priorities are determined is an excellent way to develop public support for those priorities.

Agrees with the Participatory Budgeting Unit’s campaign to have 1% of Local Authority spending determined through participatory processes and requests a report in two cycles on how this could be delivered, building on the good work and experience gained through developing and delivering the £eith Decides project.”

10.9 By Councillor Johnstone – Reclassification of Retail Use

“That this Council;

Congratulates residents and traders in Bruntsfield campaigning to ensure independent shops do not suffer in light of planning permission being granted for a 6th supermarket or smaller branch of supermarket within approximately one and a half miles.

Notes that many independent traders including a butcher, fishmonger and greengrocer have closed following the growth of supermarkets or their smaller branch stores in this area, a pattern repeated across the city.

And agrees to write to the Scottish Government seeking change to the Use Class Order through a Scottish Statutory Instrument or other appropriate measure to prevent specialist independent stores being replaced by supermarkets with no need to obtain planning permission.”

10.10 By Councillor Chapman - Public Petitions Process in the Council

“This Council

Notes the request that the Council set up a public petitions process made in the Third Sector manifesto, which was developed by the Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council, Edinburgh Volunteer Centre and Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network

Believes that the Council already caters well for groups wishing to make representations and delegations, but also believes that this process may be enhanced through developing a petitions process that would allow the Council to gauge public feeling on issues, consider innovative ideas and become more open and transparent

Request a report to be received within 2 cycles outlining how a Petitions Process could bring together the existing consultation mechanisms and allow better access for communities and individuals to the Council’s processes.”

11 Notices of Motion for Remit to Committees

11.1 By Councillor Hinds – Arboretum Playing Fields – for remit to the Education, Children and Families Committee

“Arboretum Playing Fields, currently on the Children and Families account, is well used by established clubs and schools for cricket, football and rugby.

Committee notes, however, the poor condition of the current temporary changing facilities (with Portakabins costing £10,000 a year) and the derelict former changing rooms.

Committee therefore agrees that new changing facilities are required and calls for a report to address this. The report should cover the following:

- The possible sale or lease of the derelict building to fund future development
- Finances which might be available, including prudential borrowing and other funding opportunities
- Possible joint partnership working with the adjoining facilities run by Stewart Melville College
- Discussions with the current users on their plans for the future use of the facilities and consideration of possible alternative models for the future management of the facilities.”

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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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