

# Notice of meeting and agenda

## **The City of Edinburgh Council**

**10.00 am, Thursday, 24 August 2017**

Council Chamber, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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## **1. Order of business**

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- 1.1 Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

## **2. Declaration of interests**

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- 2.1 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**

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- 3.1 If any

## **4. Minutes**

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- 4.1 The City of Edinburgh Council of 22 June 2017 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record
- 4.2 The City of Edinburgh Council of 29 June 2017 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

## **5. Questions**

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- 5.1 By Councillor Lang – Traffic Camera in Kirklands Park Street/Eilston Road - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.2 By Councillor Lang – Swimming Facilities in the City - for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee
- 5.3 By Councillor Lang – 40mph Speed Limit on Glasgow Road at Ratho Station - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.4 By Councillor Neil Ross – New Morningside Primary School - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.5 By Councillor Neil Ross – Boroughmuir High School - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.6 By Councillor Corbett – Participatory Budgeting Projects - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.7 By Councillor Main – Sale of Council Properties - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.8 By Councillor Bruce – Council Tax - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee

- 5.9 By Councillor Brown – Fly-tipping Incidents - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.10 By Councillor Brown – Road Surfacing Works - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.11 By Councillor Cook – Parking Meters - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.12 By Councillor Douglas – Carriageway Surface Treatments Programme - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.13 By Councillor Hutchison – Muirhouse Medical Group - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.14 By Councillor Laidlaw – Commitment to Electric Vehicle Uptake - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.15 By Councillor Mitchell – Land at Gloucester Street - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.16 By Councillor Mowat – Parking Permits - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.17 By Councillor Mowat – Pedestrian Crossing at Hope Street - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.18 By Councillor Rust – Scottish Government’s Education Governance Review - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.19 By Councillor Rust - Libraries - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.20 By Councillor Webber – Living Landscapes - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.21 By Councillor Whyte – Coalition Agreement - for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 5.22 By Councillor McLellan – NE Locality Funding - for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee
- 5.23 By Councillor Jim Campbell - NW Locality Funding - for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee
- 5.24 By Councillor Mowat - SE Locality Funding - for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee

- 5.25 By Councillor Webber - SW Locality Funding - for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee

## **6. Leader's Report**

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- 6.1 Leader's report (circulated)

## **7. Appointments**

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- 7.1 Appointment of Members to Committees etc – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 7.2 Appointments to Outside Organisations 2017/22 - report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 7.3 Appointment of Elected Member Champions – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

## **8. Reports**

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- 8.1 Programme for the Capital: the City of Edinburgh Council Business Plan 2017-22 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.2 City of Edinburgh Council: Performance Overview 2016/17 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.3 Edinburgh Festivals 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.4 Urgent Decision - Tenant Participation and Engagement Services – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)
- 8.5 Standards Commission for Scotland – Decision of Hearing Panel – Councillor Rose and former Councillor Balfour – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.6 Standards Commission for Scotland – Decision of Hearing Panel –former Councillor Orr – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

## **9. Motions**

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- 9.1 By Councillor Corbett – Citizens Income in Scotland – Pilot Scheme

“Council:

Notes that three councils – Glasgow, Fife and North Ayrshire – have been progressing plans to develop a pilot scheme for Citizens Income in Scotland, along with partner organisations, the Carnegie Trust, the RSA in Scotland and

the Citizens Basic Income Network Scotland; and further notes that the inclusion of Edinburgh in the pilot scheme would be welcomed.

Therefore agrees that the Council should join the pilot scheme in principle, subject to a further report to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee as the scope of the pilot is firmed up and any associated costs are clarified; and instructs the Chief Executive to contact the other participating Councils as appropriate.”

## 9.2 By Councillor Lang – Stronger North Campaign

“Council recognises:

- a) the ongoing problems of motorbike crime and other antisocial behaviour which blights many communities in the north and north west of Edinburgh,
- b) that such disorder is caused by a small number of individuals who are not reflective of the wider community,
- c) the commitment, professionalism and bravery of police officers who work hard to provide a visible police presence and have often been victim to violence or attempts at violence,
- d) that the success in tackling these issues will depend, not just on effective policing but also on improved education and community support.

Council commends Police Scotland for its work as part of the Stronger North campaign which was re-launched in June.

Council welcomes the additional national policing resources which were deployed in local communities to bolster this campaign, and in so doing recognises the positive impact of a visible on the street police presence in areas affected by crime.

Council notes that over the course of the campaign, there were:

- i) 71 arrests with 15 stolen motorcycles and 5 stolen cars recovered,
- ii) 28 vehicles seized and impounded whilst drivers were charged with corresponding offences,
- iii) 9 misuse of drugs warrant executions resulting in the recovery of £9000 of drugs.

Council welcomes the cross-party support which exists for the campaign and the collaboration between local councillors, MSPs and MPs with local police, council officials and community representatives.

Council commits to continuing to support this campaign by working with the police, voluntary organisations and the wider community, providing the necessary support and resources where required.

Council commits to further tackling these issues through education in schools and community based activities which can help reduce situations which lead to antisocial behaviour.

Council therefore calls for a report to be made to the Education, Children and Families Committee within two cycles on what further action the Council can take to address the underlying issues which lead to crime and antisocial behaviour as part of a longer-term strategy on these issues.”

### 9.3 By Councillor Wilson – Fair Fringe and Fair Hospitality Charter

“This Council welcomes the work of the Fair Fringe campaign to promote fair working conditions for fringe workers.

This Council calls for a report ahead of plans for next year’s summer Festivals and Fringe on how the 10 aims of the Fair Hospitality Charter can best be promoted and adhered to by employers hiring Council owned Festival and Fringe venues for the purposes for running Fringe events and hosting food and beverage venues. The report should examine which conditions could be attached to Council grant funding to further these aims.

Pay workers the real living wage;

Give workers rest breaks;

Equal pay for young workers;

Minimum hour contracts for workers;

Adopt clear policies which prevent sexual harassment;

Paid transport after 12am;

Consult workers on rota changes;

Ensure 100% of tips are paid to workers;

Allow Trade Union access to represent and organise staff.”

### 9.4 By Councillor Cameron - Inch House 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

“Sitting in the heart of Inch Park, Inch House has existed in many forms for many centuries. The current building comprises structures showing various dates of (1892; 1890; 1634 and 1617).

Inch House came into the Council's ownership in 1946 and served as a Primary School for the growing local population until 1966.

Today Inch House is a much loved and well used community centre.

Last year the Council's Finance and Resource Committee agreed to seek a restorative purchaser in order to enable Inch House to be restored and become used to its full potential.

Council is asked to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the oldest recorded date displayed within Inch House (1617) in an appropriate way before the end of this calendar year."

#### 9.5 By Councillor Booth – Petitions

"Council:

- 1) Notes the decision of full council on 22 June 2017 to discontinue the council's petitions committee, but that the petitions process would remain, with petitions being considered by executive committees or locality committees instead;
- 2) Notes the commitment from the council leader at that time that the council were "committed to maintaining full process" of considering petitions;
- 3) Notes the petitions process currently allows petitions from any residents of Edinburgh over the age of 16 or anyone who is the owner of a business on the valuation roll within the city, and that petitions will be considered if they receive 200 signatures, or 50 signatures for local issues, and that when presenting their petitions, petitioners are able to speak and answer questions on their petition, as well as to ask questions of council officers;
- 4) Therefore agrees to amend the relevant council procedures or standing orders to ensure the full petitions process continues, and that any future changes to the petitions process will only be agreed through a decision of full council."

#### 9.6 By Councillor Brown – Scottish Women's National Football Team

"Council offers congratulations to the Scottish Women's National Football Team following their inaugural European Championships appearance in Holland during July.

Recognises all squad members, in particular those Edinburgh-based players at Hibernian Ladies, who made history by representing their Country at a major tournament for the first time and narrowly missing out on progress to the latter stages.

Acknowledges the contribution to the game made by outgoing Manager Anna Signeul and wishes her successor Shelley Kerr, former Player / Manager at Spartans Women in North Edinburgh, the best of luck in her endeavours.”

#### 9.7 By Councillor Johnston – Automated Service – Customer Journey

“Council:

- 1) Accepts that making council services easy to access and ensuring that customer queries and complaints are responded to promptly are a vital part of the council’s duty of customer care, in addition to getting it right first time.
- 2) Notes concerns were raised at Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee in September 2016 about difficulties contacting the Council and specifically including, but not limited to: the length of time taken to answer calls; further delays experienced when transferring calls; and lack of response to online reporting facilities.
- 3) Further notes that despite subsequent reports to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee, serious problems remain with switchboard and automated or digital queries, including with the recent removal, even if temporary, of the option to speak to a customer service adviser.
- 4) Calls on the prioritisation of direct communication between Citizens and Council Officials, and to think carefully before erecting technological barriers which create deep frustration and resentment across the City. Further, prioritises the continuing development of a digital citizen-Council interface, for council tax payers who prefer to engage digitally.
- 5) Therefore instructs the “Head of Customer” to report on and review the automated processes available to Citizens contacting the Council by telephone and digitally, particularly in relation to waste collection and council taxation and to include details of (a) current issues experienced by Citizens; (b) actions being taken to address these issues.
- 6) Agrees said report should be submitted to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee in one cycle.”

#### 9.8 By Councillor Cook – World Suicide Prevention Day 2017

“Council acknowledges the importance of World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September 2017, an annual day organised by [International Association for Suicide Prevention \(IASP\)](#) and the [World Health Organisation \(WHO\)](#).

Notes that this year’s theme is ‘Take a minute, change a life.’ Which encourages people to look out for those who may be struggling, check in with them, and encourage them to tell their story in their own way and at their own



pace, noting that offering a gentle word of support and listening in a non-judgemental way can make all the difference.

Understands that more than 800,000 people tragically take their lives each year worldwide. In the UK around 6,000 people die by suicide a year - an average of 18 people per day. Expresses concern that suicide is far more prevalent amongst men, with males in the UK aged 20 to 49 are more likely to die from suicide than any other cause of death, including cancer.

Council commends the work of individuals and organisations like the Samaritans, SAMH and government for their prevention and awareness raising efforts.

World Suicide Prevention Day gives organizations, government agencies and individuals a chance to promote awareness about suicide, mental illnesses associated with suicide, as well as suicide prevention.

Agrees that the City of Edinburgh Council should play its part by promoting World Suicide Prevention Day on the Council Website and Social Media channels and also encourages elected members to join in by spreading the word on Twitter and other platforms using the hashtags #WSPD and #WSPD17.”

9.9 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Principles – Service Improvement and Information Sharing

- “1) Council aspires to share information widely and transparently to inform efficient decision making and improve the customer experience.
- 2) Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to review and report on (a) how applications for permissions and licenses are shared with Councillors, Officers and members of the Public; and (b) potential improvement to that process.
- 3) The scope of information to be reviewed in the report must include, but is not limited to, the valid application and granting of:
  - (a) Planning applications;
  - (b) Road Construction Consents (RCCs) applications;
  - (c) Building Warrant applications;
  - (d) Transport Regulation Orders (TROs);
  - (e) Temporary Transport Regulation Orders (TTROs);
  - (f) Roads awaiting adoption;

- (g) Liquor Licence applications;
  - (h) Gambling Licence applications; and
  - (i) Civic Licence applications.
- 4) The report should consider:
- (a) areas of duplication and the streamlining of information;
  - (b) the extension of access to information;
  - (c) the needs of Customers, Community Councils, Councillors, Officers, third party interests, and the general public; and
  - (d) the frequency of information being updated and available.
- 5) The report should be submitted to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee for consideration on 3rd October 2017.”

#### 9.10 By Councillor Hutchison – Kirkliston Congestion

“Council recognises the significant impact of housebuilding and the associated population increase coupled with pre-existing rat-running Forth Road Bridge commuters on traffic congestion through the Kirkliston crossroads.

Council acknowledges that a lack of adequate public transport provision is a major contributory factor to current congestion levels and agrees to enter into dialogue with Lothian Busses around introducing a direct service to the City Centre, such as that which has recently been introduced in Queensferry.

Council regrets that a failure to adequately maintain existing infrastructure has led to the long-term closure of the Burnshot flyover and as such has cut off one of only two routes by which Kirkliston residents can access the City Centre. Council therefore agrees to enter into dialogue with the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland to explore whether the newly constructed slip roads from the A90, currently designated as bus lanes, could be adapted to allow Kirkliston residents direct access to and from this arterial route.

Council further recognises that the Kirklands Park Street bus gate, while necessary to prevent rat-running, contributes to the daily congestion at the crossroads by forcing residents into a detour of up to 1.3 miles, often against their intended direction of travel. Council therefore agrees to provide immediate relief to the residents of Kirkliston, by modifying the ANPR system currently in operation to allow residents of the below listed streets to pass through the bus gate, while maintaining the existing single lane road configuration to manage driver speed. The cost of implementation to be met from a proportion of the £300,000 in fines obtained since operation of the bus lane commenced in August 2013.

Impacted Streets – Kirklands Park - Crescent, Gardens, Grove, Rigg, Road, Street; Glendinning – Drive, Place, Road; Maude – Close, Park, Place; Todshaugh Gardens; Eilston Drive, Loan, Road, Terrace, Malachi – Close, Gait, Green, Rigg

To be considered for inclusion – Queensferry Road; Newmains Road; Maitland Road; Humbie Road; Housefield Drive; Mackinnon Crescent; Balcomie Gardens; Lauson Place; Crawford – Gait, Green.”

#### 9.11 By Councillor Mowat – Festivals – Visitor and Resident Experience

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Edinburgh is a spectacular city not only in her dramatic setting and architecture but also as the home of the greatest arts festival in the world which creates spectacular spectacles every hour of the day for its duration each year. These twin blessings draw visitors from across the world to our city at all times of the year but most evidently during August. Council welcomes the visitors to the City; performers, impresarios and spectators and recognises that as part of our brief stewardship in the long history of the City, Council has the responsibility to identify and manage the impacts, both positive and negative on the City to enhance the visitor experience and minimise the disturbance to residents. In 2017 there has been significant press commentary about the impact of tourists on islands, towns and cities across the world. Council recognises that it is not within our remit to solve the wider issues associated with increased global tourism but that we have a duty to respond to the impact of visitors on the city of which we have stewardship.

Council therefore calls for a report within 2 cycles exploring how we can work transparently and accountably with partners (to include festivals, businesses, residents, police, relevant functions and ALEOs of the council) to improve the visitor and resident experience and address the challenges to ensure that the city can offer a positive experience for visitors and residents.”

#### 9.12 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Efficiencies and Responsibilities

“**Council:**

1. recognises that Councillors may be required to join certain external regulatory bodies in order to complete their duties. Council observes that these bodies often require individual application and payment process.
2. expects officers to inform Councillors which bodies they must join to meet any legislative requirements in a timely way.

3. notes that councillors are responsible for their own applications and payment to each body.
4. requests a report to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee outlining the potential costs on the basis of councillors' claims for the expense of joining such bodies, following the advice of officers as set out in clause 2 of this motion, and solely in order to complete their duties as Councillors, being reimbursed by the Council."

## **Laurence Rockey**

Head of Strategy and Insight

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