

Notice of meeting and agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00 am, Thursday, 26 October 2017

Council Chamber, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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1. Order of business

- 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

- 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

- 3.1 If any

4. Minutes

- 4.1 The City of Edinburgh Council of 21 September 2017 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

5. Questions

- 5.1 By Councillor Osler – East Fettes Avenue Crossing Point – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.2 By Councillor Lang – Active Travel Plan – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.3 By Councillor Lang – Council Owned Car Parks – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.4 By Councillor Lang – Queensferry High Street - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.5 By Councillor Gloyer – Safety and Access for Pedestrians on Ellersley Road - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.6 By Councillor Gloyer – Pedestrian Crossing Across the A8 at Kaimes Road - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.7 By Councillor Booth - Proposals for Carriageway Changes – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.8 By Councillor Lang – Janitorial Review - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.9 By Councillor Staniforth – Bank of Scotland – Museum Closure - for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee

- 5.10 By Councillor Jim Campbell – School Recruitment - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.11 By Councillor McLellan – Licensing – Dog Walkers - for answer by the Convener of the Regulatory Committee
- 5.12 By Councillor Johnston – Utility Works - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.13 By Councillor Smith – Council Owned Property - for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee
- 5.14 By Councillor Doggart – New Primary School – Canaan Lane - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.15 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Section 75 Contributions - for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee
- 5.16 By Councillor Webber – School Catchment Area - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.17 By Councillor Rust – General Waste Litter Bins - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.18 By Councillor Bruce – Street Lighting - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.19 By Councillor Mary Campbell – Staffing Proposals – Community Centres - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.20 By Councillor Booth – Leaf Sweeping - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

6. Leader's Report

- 6.1 Leader's report

7. Appointments

- 7.1 If any

8. Reports

- 8.1 Edinburgh Integration Joint Board – Appointment of Chief Officer and Heads of Service – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.2 Governance for the Edinburgh and South East of Scotland City Region Deal – Joint Committee – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

- 8.3 Locality Committees 2017 – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)
- 8.4 Audited Annual Report 2017 of the Lothian Pension Fund, Lothian Buses Pension Fund and Scottish Homes Pension Fund, including Annual Report by External Auditor – referral from the Pensions Committee (circulated)
- 8.5 City of Edinburgh Council – 2016/17 Annual Audit Report to the Council and the Controller of Audit – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)

9. Motions

9.1 By Councillor Lang – Dalmeny Station

“Council notes;

1. the importance of Dalmeny Station as part of the City's public transport system, with over 100 train services between Fife and Edinburgh city centre each day,
2. how the station provides an important alternative to private car journeys into the city, particularly for those residents who work in the centre of Edinburgh,
3. the growth in the populations of Dalmeny, Queensferry and Kirkliston following major programmes of house building which has led to a substantial increase in the numbers using Dalmeny Station, from 361,000 in 2005/6 to 500,000 in 2015/16,
4. the Local Development Plan which designates significant land in rural west Edinburgh for new housing and which is likely to lead to a further increase the number of passengers using the station.

Council recognises;

- (a) the problems being faced by those living close to Dalmeny Station because of the current levels of car parking, with significant commuter parking on nearby roads and in spaces created for residents in new developments,
- (b) the difficulty created by the limited parking arrangements, which risks creating a disincentive towards using the station, forcing more commuters to choose to use their car to travel into Edinburgh via the busy and congested Barnton junction and Queensferry Road.

Council welcomes the recent improvements at the station, such as an increase in bike storage facilities, but believes this is insufficient in addressing

the wider access issues around the station and that further significant action is needed.

Council therefore instructs officials to engage with Scotrail and Transport Scotland and seeks a report to the Transport & Environment Committee within two cycles. This report should set out an action plan for addressing these issues, including proposals to further maximise sustainable transport options to and from the station along with improved parking arrangements which benefit passengers and local residents,”

9.2 By the Lord Provost – Daw Aung San Suu Kyi – Freedom of the City

“The City of Edinburgh Council awarded the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on 18 June 2005. She remained under house arrest in Burma (now Myanmar) at that time and the award was presented ‘in absentia’ in the presence of her son and the Director of Amnesty International. The award was in recognition of her personal courage and relentless pursuit of democratic justice in Burma, and reflected the award of the Nobel Peace prize to her in 1991. In conferring the award, the Council also recognised the commitment made by all those seeking to secure democracy and human rights in Burma by non-violent means.

Aung San Suu Kyi was elected to the position of State Counsellor on 5 April 2016.

The current crisis of the Rohingya minority in Myanmar’s Northern Rakhine State is of wide and grave international concern. This Council notes the ongoing calls from the United Nations, Amnesty International and many governments to the Burmese government to stop the violence and allow UN scrutiny and safe return of those fleeing Rakhine.

This Council condemns the violence and calls on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, as a recipient of the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh and all that this award stands for, to use her influence and moral courage to intervene to stop the violence, to allow UN and international scrutiny and mediation to commence immediately, and to ensure a safe, democratic and peaceful solution for the people of the region.”

9.3 By Councillor Child – Robert Owen Award for an Inspirational Educator

“Council congratulates Lindsey Watt, Headteacher, Castleview Primary School on receiving the Robert Owen Award from the Scottish Government. The Award was established to recognise the contribution of renowned educationalists across the world whose work has had significant impact and informed substantial education improvement activities in Scotland. The Award recognises Lindsey’s hugely positive influence on Scottish education over many years, where she has provided outstanding and inspirational leadership

for learning and has continuously improved children's experiences, attainment and life-chances.

Council requests that the Lord Provost writes to Lindsey expressing the Council's appreciation for her work and congratulating her for receiving this award “

9.4 By Councillor Key – Spokes 40th Anniversary

“Council:

Notes that Spokes, the Lothian Cycle Campaign, was formed in 1977.

Further notes that Spokes has been a key player in ensuring the promotion of safe cycling within the City and throughout the Lothians.

Congratulates Spokes on its 40th anniversary and looks forward to continuing to work in partnership to ensure that Edinburgh remains the most cycle friendly city in Scotland.”

9.5 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Communal Bins

“Council:

1. Recognises the dangers of obstacles on the pavement as highlighted at last Council by Councillor Howie.
2. Instructs Council waste operatives to be mindful of all members of our community, and to always re-position empty bins to maintain a clear pathway along pavements.
3. Instructs Director of Waste, following the successful implementation of Clause 2, to write to all private waste collection services to request in the strongest terms that their employees always re-position empty bins to maintain a clear pathway along pavements.
4. Recognises that many Continental European cities have adopted different communal waste collection solutions, involving a suite of waste receptacles that feature a central lift point, controlled waste entry hatch at a lower height, offer greater capacity with a more efficient use of roadside space in a more acceptable aesthetic package, integral internal mechanisms protected from damage, and the possibility of ground location plates than ensure repeated precise placement.
5. Request a report to the Transport and Environment Committee within 2 cycles to cover;
 - a) The costs and benefits of replacing circa 1,800 wheeled communal bins in use in Edinburgh with Continental style receptacles described in Clause 4;

- b) Where additional costs have been identified under clause 5a, investigate if these costs could be offset by identifying areas where individual bins could be replaced with new Continental style receptacles described in Clause 4;
- c) Determine costs estimates to install semi-submerged central lift point communal waste disposal suites in Central Edinburgh to enhance the public realm that would be compatible with the description in Clause 4.”

9.6 By Councillor Mowat - Statues

“Council:

Council notes that parts of a number of statues including Greyfriar's Bobby's nose, David Hume's toe and Wojcek the bear's nose are being regularly rubbed by passers by which is removing the patina and exposing the bronze below creating patches of shiny bronze and causing concern to residents and visitors who believe that the statues are being harmed by this inadvertent polishing and calls for a report in 2 cycles detailing:

1. Whether the rubbing and exposure of the bronze does damage the statue and what is the nature of this damage and whether it affects the structure of the statue or is cosmetic;.
2. Recognising that it is very difficult to change human nature and prevent people from interacting with these statues what measures are available to protect these statues and the costs of these if indeed it is deemed necessary to take such measures; and
3. If evidence concludes that the discolouration is damaging in a material way to the statues what factors should be taken into consideration when commissioning or advising on new statues to prevent this happening to any such new commissions.”

9.7 By Councillor Laidlaw – A Placemaking Exercise for North West Portobello

“Council calls for Planning Officers to conduct a Placemaking Exercise for North West Portobello in full consultation with local residents and their representative organisations using the Place Standard developed by Architecture and Design Scotland, the Scottish Government and NHS Scotland.

Council notes the following drivers for conducting this exercise:

- Significant change of use in area from industrial and leisure to residential and retail

- Several new developments constructed, under construction or at planning stage which have and will affect services and infrastructure
- Significant pressure on road networks and parking due to historic street design
- Presence of Portobello Conservation Area
- Lack of open space per the requirements of the Local Development Plan
- Pressure on key public services including schooling and medical provision

Council notes that a Participation Request was made to the City of Edinburgh Council under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to be involved in the decision-making process on the sale of land at Westbank Street, and that a Community Engagement Exercise has taken place.

Council instructs Planning Officers to use the results of the Community Engagement Exercise to inform the scope of the Placemaking exercise.

Council notes that Action Party has submitted an application for a Making Places co-design process.

If successful, Council instructs planning officers to ensure these processes are complimentary to the Placemaking Exercise

Council agrees this Placemaking Exercise must be completed before any final decision is taken by Council on the sale of the Westbank site.”

9.8 By Councillor Graczyk – Welcomes Webcast Subtitles

“Council:

1. Notes, the City of Edinburgh Council webcast will be provided with subtitles to improve accessibility for Deaf and hard of hearing people.
2. Welcomes the recognition that subtitles are likely to be an important format for receiving information for Deaf and hard of hearing. Welcomes the immense input by the City of Edinburgh Council and our webcast providers whom are busy working on a base version of a transcription service that they hope will be rolled out by December 2017.
3. Thanks the Governance Officer Stuart McLean and members for their assistance in my request for webcast subtitles and for their work in partnership with our webcast providers to enable Deaf and hard of hearing people to engage in Local Government business via webcast,

making a positive difference in the lives of Deaf and hard of hearing people.”

9.9 By Councillor Jim Campbell – EV and Parking Infrastructure

“Council:

1. Welcomes the initiatives of the UK and Scottish Governments to boost the use of low emissions vehicles.
2. Recognises that this represents a paradigm shift and opportunity for our City
3. Awaits the forthcoming Business Case for Electric Vehicle (EV) in Edinburgh being prepared for the Transport & Environment Committee and understood to include
 - a. Estimates of adoption rates, including temporal and spatial demand models
 - b. Discussion on the maturity of charging technology
 - c. Capital cost estimates and the possibilities of offsetting these costs to avoid any burden on the Council budget
 - d. Requirements that new developments include public charging infrastructure that the Council can adopt
 - e. Exploration of EV charging payment mechanisms
 - f. Consideration of the impact the adoption of electric taxis will have in Edinburgh
 - g. Understand of the impact of a Low Emissions zone on the Council’s own vehicular fleet
4. Notes the wide variance in the number of Controlled Parking Permits issues per Permit & shared use space, ranging from a low of 1.41 in Zone 2 to a high, next door, of 2.54 in Zone 3. Council anticipates that the roll out of EV charging points could exacerbate issues with parking.
5. Instructs the Chief Executive to prepare a strategy paper with 4 cycles to Policy & Strategy Committee including
 - a. An analysis of the possibility of adopting the same payment mechanism for EV charging and parking, including residential parking schemes
 - b. An analysis of whether such a payment mechanism would allow a more dynamic model of residential controlled and priority parking both in spatial and temporal terms

- c. An analysis if such an approach could be extended to avoiding the undesirable concentration of parking just outside controlled parking zones, and on residential streets near major traffic destinations
- d. A discussion of what conditions would need to be in place to attract private capital to finance and run a city wide EV charging and parking infrastructure.”

9.10 By Councillor Webber – Heriot Watt University

“Council

Welcomes Heriot-Watt University being named as the inaugural International University of the Year 2018. #TrulyGlobal

Notes this award is a wonderful accolade as it recognises the truly global nature of the education and influence of Heriot-Watt University. It operates as an integrated global university across three countries and offers students, staff and partners exceptional opportunities in their education, research and employment.

Recognises the whole community receives tremendous benefits from their global outlook, whether learning on one or more of their campuses across the world, or working with world-leading academics on challenge-led research that actively supports delivery of sustainable development goals.

Therefore congratulates Heriot-Watt University’s success and confirms its continued support for the work of all of the talented staff and students, across the world, in the coming months.”

9.11 By Councillor Whyte – Housing First Model

“Council:

Council notes the apparent success of the "Housing First" model in resolving street homelessness and rough sleeping in both the United States and Scandinavia with further evidence from elsewhere.

Council further notes the intention of the UK Government to pilot the Housing First approach in England and Wales as part of a renewed attempt to end rough sleeping following successful work in the 1990s with the Rough Sleepers' Initiative.

Council recognises the publication of recent research by the Social Justice Foundation detailing the success of the approach as compared with traditional methods in amongst other areas sustainability of tenancies and recovery from addiction.

Council therefore instructs the Director of Place to report within three cycles on the implications of implementing a Housing First approach in Edinburgh as a first step to ending Rough Sleeping and reducing street begging - the report to detail the requirements for Housing, the costs involved, the potential outcomes and the changes required in other services (including those of partners).”

9.12 By Councillor Doggart – Unmet Self-Directed Care

“Council:

Apologises to the 800 or so City of Edinburgh residents who have been assessed as having critical or substantial support needs that the Council has not met.

Recognises our responsibility to provide the c. 7,000 hours of unmet weekly care for those individuals, in line with the Self-Directed Support Act.

Instructs the Chief Executive within one cycle to report on the feasibility of the Service Matching Unit designing bundles of aggregated unmet hours, to interest providers to take part in regular auctions, to find the lowest price at which supply meets demand of the individuals and the Act.”

9.13 By Councillor Hutchison – Christmas Lights

“Council:

Welcomes the announcement of funding for Christmas lights in high streets across the city and recognises that this relatively small investment in the context of the overall cost of the city's festive celebrations is crucial in helping local communities throughout the city to celebrate Christmas.

Council regrets that a decision on provision of festive lights in communities across Edinburgh for Christmas 2017 was not made until October and acknowledges that this is much too late in the year, given the fact that community groups across the city have already made their own arrangements.

Council further acknowledges that a decision to re-instate this funding, which was withdrawn in 2016, for a single year is illogical and may be unhelpful in light of significant investments already made by community groups and multi year contracts entered into.

Council apologises to all affected community groups for the uncertainty around funding for Christmas lights and for the inconvenience caused by the lateness of this decision and the subsequent poor communication of the decision once it was made.

Council agrees that all future decisions on funding for community Christmas lights will be made for a period of not less than 3 years and will be communicated no later than March in the year in which the decision is reviewed.”

Laurence Rockey

Head of Strategy and Insight

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