

# Notice of meeting and agenda

## The City of Edinburgh Council

**10.00 am, Thursday, 13 December 2018**

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 November 2018 – submitted for approval as a correct record

## **5. Questions**

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- 5.1 By Councillor Mary Campbell – Funding for Schools in Edinburgh – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.2 By Councillor Corbett – Budget Settlement – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.3 By Councillor Corbett – Estimated Gap in Budget – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.4 By Councillor Lang – Street Lighting – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.5 By Councillor Lang – Freedom of Information Requests – for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 5.6 By Councillor Mitchell – Council Tax Overpayments – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.7 By Councillor Booth – Cycle Parking in New Developments – for answer by the Convener of the Planning Committee
- 5.8 By Councillor Laidlaw – Treverlen Park – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.9 By Councillor Laidlaw – Convenership Meetings – for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee

- 5.10 By Councillor Jim Campbell – ICT Provision for Student Learning – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.11 By Councillor Jim Campbell – New Waste Collection Rounds – October 2018 – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.12 By Councillor Staniforth – Efficient Use of School Buses – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.13 By Councillor Mowat – Grants and Project Funding – Place Directorate – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.14 By Councillor Burgess – Climate Change Literacy Training – for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 5.15 By Councillor Young – Kirkliston Bus Gate Camera Fines – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.16 By Councillor Young – Year of Young People – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

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

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- 6.1 Leader's report

## **7. Appointments**

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- 7.1 If any

## **8. Reports**

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- 8.1 Grant Standing Orders and Scheme of Delegation to Officers – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.2 Edinburgh Learns - report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 8.3 Treasury Strategy: Mid-term Report 2018/19 – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)
- 8.4 Senior Councillor Allowances – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.5 Scottish Government Funding Offer for Rapid Access Accommodation – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)

## 9. Motions

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### 9.1 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Later Living Housing

“Council

- 1) Anticipates an increase in demand for housing suitable for later living across all tenures.
- 2) Recognises that building standards have improved the adaptability of modern houses for flexible use, including later living.
- 3) But notes that many individuals look to downsize as they approach later living.
- 4) Therefore, asks Officers to prepare a report for the Housing and Economy Committee within two cycles outlining the potential opportunities and barriers for individuals to move into the most suitable later living accommodation provided through open market, RSL, and Council-led provision.”

### 9.2 By Councillor Cook – On-the-Spot Litter Fines

“Council

Acknowledges the importance of discouraging people from dropping litter; supports recent calls to increase the fixed penalty notice for littering from £80 to £100; agrees that a letter from the local authority will be sent to the Scottish Government making clear the City of Edinburgh Council’s support for increasing the default on-the-spot litter fine from £80 to £100 and to request that Ministers implement this change as quickly as possible.”

### 9.3 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Modelling Externalities

“Council

- 1) Recognises the externalities that transport impose.
- 2) Is concerned to understand the displacement externalities of closing streets to through traffic.
- 3) Therefore, will impose a moratorium on any street closure until such time as the best endeavours of Council Officers show any negative impact on other streets will not breach current or future air quality objectives.”

#### 9.4 By Councillor Staniforth – Post-Study Work Visa

“Council:

- 1) Notes that the post-study work visa, which allowed international students to remain in the UK for work up to two years after their studies concluded, was abolished in 2012.
- 2) Notes that Edinburgh is a university city and that its universities attract students from all over the world.
- 3) Notes the recent launch of the ‘Post Study Work Visa Now!’ campaign calling for the return of the post study work visa.
- 4) Notes that international students are of social, cultural and economic benefit to Edinburgh both during and after their studies.
- 5) Notes that the UK’s withdrawal from the EU may mean a great many more international students will lose the right to seek work in the UK after their studies.
- 6) Supports the call for a return of the post study work visa.
- 7) Instructs the Council Leader to write to the Home Secretary making clear Edinburgh’s support for a post study work visa and asking the government to reintroduce the post study work visa by the end of the current academic year.”

#### 9.5 By Councillor Douglas – HMS Edinburgh

“Council

- 1) Welcomes the announcement of the name of the new HMS Edinburgh, one of the new Type 26 Frigates to be built on the Clyde;
- 2) Recognises the huge boost the building of the Type 26 Frigates brings to the Scottish economy, securing hundreds of skilled jobs for the next twenty years;
- 3) Acknowledges the important role the HMS Edinburgh will play in protecting our new aircraft carriers and in helping keep British interests safe across the world;
- 4) Understands the proud history the name ‘Edinburgh’ carries in our navy, with six previous ships having carried the name between 1707 and 2013, with the last ship having an operational career that included deployment in the Atlantic, Baltic, Mediterranean, Gulf and Indian Ocean during 28 years of service.”

## 9.6 By Councillor Aldridge – Physical Activity Strategy

“Council notes that the most recent physical activity and sport strategy for the council ended in 2017.

Council further notes the decision of the Culture and Communities Committee in June 2018 that a new strategy should be developed.

Council further notes that aspects of physical activity for the city are incorporated in different departments of the council and with partners (Education Communities and Families, IJB, Edinburgh Leisure, Place etc).

Council believes that a co-ordinated strategy with common objectives and agreed priorities will be an essential element to achieve a number of the council’s objectives.

Council therefore calls for the new Physical Activity and Sport Strategy to be drawn up with co-operation of all relevant partners both within and outside the council and to be reported to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee in 3 cycles to ensure a co-ordinated approach to Physical Activity and Sport across council departments and the council’s partners.”

## 9.7 By Councillor Day – Bethany Christian Trust

“120 individuals sleeping rough on the streets of Edinburgh on any one night, asks that Council:

- 1) Recognises the vital work of the ‘Bethany Christian Trust’ to alleviate homelessness across Scotland and;
- 2) in particular, thanks the Bethany Christian Trust for their services provided to the City of Edinburgh to help those at risk of, or currently experiencing, homelessness or rough sleeping. The Bethany Christian Trust, established in 1983, provide emergency assistance and resettlement projects, alongside continued visiting support and community development projects. Established in 1996, the Trust’s Care shelter in the city has provided over 91,500 bed spaces in total, with over 8,000 beds provided during last year’s winter.
- 3) Notes the urgent call made for various items for the Winter care shelter this year : <http://www.bethanychristiantrust.com/news-article/items-urgently-needed-bethanys-winter-care-shelter/>
- 4) Considers donating key items (particular those urgently needed such as sleeping bags, socks & mens underwear) directly to the Bethany Trust during the December Council session.”

9.8 By Councillor Bird - 30th Anniversary of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

“Council notes:

That 2019 marks the 30th Anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which contains the four core principles of non-discrimination; devotion to the best interests of the child; the right to life, survival and development; and respect for the views of the child.

The work that has already been undertaken within the Council over this Year of Young People, to prioritise the needs of our children and young people, including the Children’s Services Plan, the 1 in 5: Raising Awareness of Child Poverty Campaign and our Care Experienced Champion’s Board.

Council:

Welcomes the announcement by the Scottish Government in their Programme for Government that the UNCRC is to be incorporated into Scots Law to make it binding and not just guiding, as well as promoting a rights-based approach that gives children and young people the power to know what is wrong.

Recognises the role of both staff and Elected Members in enshrining the 54 articles across all Council decision making and service delivery.”

9.9 By Councillor Arthur - Boroughmuir High School

“Asks that council:

- 1) Notes that Boroughmuir High School has been consistently rated as one of Scotland’s top state schools and that this can be attributed to an excellent partnership between staff, parents, pupils and the wider community.
- 2) Notes that the new Boroughmuir High School building is an excellent facility which resulted from staff, parents, pupils and the wider community being involved in the design process.
- 3) Aspires to maintaining this excellent record and is working to ensure all schools in Edinburgh support their pupils to help them reach their full potential.
- 4) Congratulates Boroughmuir High School for being recognised as “Scottish State Secondary School of the Year” by the authoritative “Sunday Times Schools Guide 2019” as published on 25th of November 2018. It is notable that the school’s exam results are sector leading across all levels of ability.

- 5) Recognises that the school community achieved this accolade at the same time as maintaining pupil achievement whilst relocating to new premises midway through the academic year.

Asks that the Lord Provost marks this significant achievement in an appropriate manner.”

#### 9.10 By Councillor Cameron - Health & Safety Compliance

“Asks that Council:

- 1) Agrees that the Health and Safety of our Council staff and our service users is paramount.
- 2) Seeks a report to be submitted to the Health and Safety forum (and thereafter to Finance and Resources Committee) on the effectiveness of current governance arrangements; and monitoring and reporting procedures for health and safety.

This report should:

- a) advise on how swiftly the reintroduction of formally constituted Health and Safety Committees throughout all Council service areas\* can happen. All trade unions with representation in this Council should be involved and consulted on this.
- b) contains assurance (from all Directorates) that the Council is compliant with all pertinent health and safety legislation.

\* In keeping with the Health and Safety Executive’s Code of Practice and Guidance covered by the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977 (as amended) and the Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations 1996 (as amended)

#### 9.11 By Councillor Lang - Fast Food Advertising on Council Owned Sites

“1) Council notes:

- that 29% of children in Scotland are considered overweight with 14% at risk of being obese.

- research from Food Standards Scotland that shows nine out of ten people in Scotland think obesity is a serious problem in the country.

- the Scottish Government’s target to half childhood obesity levels in half by 2030.

- 2) Council notes the decision of the Mayor of London to ban fast food advertising across the London public transport network after 82% of respondents to a public consultation supported such a change in policy.

- 3) Council further notes that a similar ban came into force in Amsterdam last January.
- 4) Council seeks a feasibility report to the Finance & Resources Committee within two cycles setting out;
  - the legal powers available to ban fast food advertising on sites owned by the Council, including bus and tram stops.
  - a draft timetable for a public consultation to determine residents' and stakeholders' views of such a ban in the Capital.
  - a financial appraisal of any new restrictions, including the projected loss of annual income and the opportunities which may exist to replace such revenue from other advertising sources.”

## **Laurence Rockey**

Head of Strategy and Communications

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