

Notice of meeting and agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.05 am, Thursday, 7 February 2019

(or at the conclusion of the Special Meeting of the Council, whichever is later)

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 13 December 2018 – submitted for approval as a correct record

5. Questions

- 5.1 By Councillor Corbett - Fair Funding Settlement – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.2 By Councillor Corbett – Council Tax Rise – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.3 By Councillor Osler – Traffic Signal Installations – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.4 By Councillor Osler – Waste Collection – Inverleith Ward – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.5 By Councillor Osler – Communal Recycling Units - Uplifts – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.6 By Councillor Johnston – Parking Enforcement – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.7 By Councillor Laidlaw – A1 Arterial Route – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.8 By Councillor Mowat – Enforcement Cases – for answer by the Convener of the Planning Committee

- 5.9 By Councillor Booth – Provision of Cycle Racks – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.10 By Councillor Lang – Scottish Government Budget – for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 5.11 By Councillor Lang – Views of the Housing and Economy Vice-Convener – for answer by the Depute Leader of the Council
- 5.12 By Councillor Lang – Parking in Newbridge - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.13 By Councillor Brown – Small Business Saturday – for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee
- 5.14 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Edinburgh Integration Joint Board Budget – for answer by the Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board
- 5.15 By Councillor Webber – Budget Process – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.16 By Councillor Young – Safer Routes to School – Follow-up – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.17 By Councillor Young – Street Lighting Repairs - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.18 By Councillor Rose – Tram Costs – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.19 By Councillor Bruce – Oversight of Waste Collections – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.20 By Councillor Bruce – School Placements – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

6. Leader's Report

- 6.1 Leader's report

7. Appointments

- 7.1 Resignation of Councillor/Appointments – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 7.2 Appointment to Outside Organisation/Joint Board – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

- 7.3 Education, Children and Families Committee - Appointment of Religious Representative – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

8. Reports

- 8.1 Council Diary 2019/20 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.2 Review of Locality Committees – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.3 Planning Statutory Scheme of Delegation – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)
- 8.4 Edinburgh Transient Visitor Levy Consultation 2018 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.5 Edinburgh Living LLPs - Acquisition of Homes – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)
- 8.6 Care Inspectorate Progress Review Findings – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (circulated)

9. Motions

- 9.1 By Councillor Doggart – Provision of Services for Older People

“Council

- 1) Notes the publication on 4 December 2018 of the Care Inspectorate’s progress review following a joint inspection into the provision of services for older people in the City of Edinburgh (originally published May 2017);
- 2) Is disappointed that the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership has been unable to “develop and deliver an overall programme of improvement”;
- 3) Believes the failure to adopt a suitable strategic approach to an improvement plan has been detrimental to the care provision for older residents of Edinburgh;
- 4) Recognises the changes made in senior operational leadership to improve performance, even though the Inspectorate “found leadership weaknesses had continued following the inspection”;
- 5) Has no confidence in the political leadership of Councillor Ricky Henderson to deliver the changes required to improve services.”

9.2 By Councillor Mary Campbell – Menstrual Conditions

“Council commends the work of Dionne McFarlane, and her campaign to implement better menstrual education and endometriosis awareness in schools.

Council Notes:

That there are many people in Edinburgh who will be suffering from a variety of menstrual conditions.

That an estimated 3-8% of menstruators have Premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD), which causes severe irritability, depression, or anxiety in the weeks before a period. An estimated 15% of people with this condition will commit suicide.

That around 10% of menstruators have Endometriosis, where the tissue that lines the womb is found outside the womb, such as in the ovaries and fallopian tubes, causing severe pain and can lead to difficulties getting pregnant. It is believed to take 7.5 years to get a diagnosis for the condition.

That there are many other serious conditions that effect menstruators, including abnormal uterine bleeding, dysmenorrhea, amenorrhea and menorrhagia, and that awareness of these conditions is generally very low, which can lead to people being undiagnosed for years and unable to get effective treatment and support.

Therefore Council:

Asks that the current review of guidance and resources for Living and Growing will include information on rarer menstrual conditions.

Requests that posters be designed with basic information on menstrual conditions like PMDD and Endometriosis for display in appropriate places in schools.

Requests a guidance note for all school staff about menstrual conditions and how they can support young people within education who have these conditions, which can often lead to time away from school.

Requests the Council Leader write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills to request that consideration is given to including more menstrual conditions in the PSE curriculum.

Requests that the Council Leader writes to the IJB to ask that there is a review of the awareness and training for staff, and the level of support available for the

public in rarer menstrual conditions across Edinburgh's Health and Social Care Partnership.

Requests the Council Leader write to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport to request that consideration is given to increasing awareness and training in rarer menstrual conditions among doctors, especially GPs.”

9.3 By Councillor Corbett – Waste Collection Service Over the Festive Period 2018-19 –

“Council

- 1) Notes significant public concern regarding waste service collections over the festive period 2018-19 and the backlog since then.
- 2) Recognises the twin pressures of increased volumes during the festive period and ensuring staffing capacity at the same time.
- 3) Therefore calls for a report to the May 2019 Transport and Environment Committee:
 - Reviewing key lessons from the festive period 2018-19
 - Highlighting changes in volumes in each collection stream over that period
 - Setting out recommendations for festive period 2019-20 and beyond
 - Specifically, assessing options for dealing with christmas trees post festive period.”

9.4 By Councillor Burgess – Climate Emergency 2030

“Council;

- 1) Notes the recent United Nations IPCC report advising that climate-changing pollution must be very significantly reduced over the next 11 years to 2030, in order to prevent global average temperatures increasing beyond 1.5 degrees C and to reduce irreversible, catastrophic impacts of climate change;
- 2) Notes that other local authorities, including Bristol, Scarborough and the London Assembly, have responded to the UN report by declaring a Climate Emergency and setting targets and action plans in-line with the reduction of climate-changing pollution necessary;

- 3) Notes the draft Climate Bill going through the Scottish Parliament that will require local authorities to act in accordance with increased targets for reducing climate-changing pollution by at least 90% by 2050 and also the pressure to increase this target to zero carbon by 2050;
- 4) Further notes the first conclusion from the recent Sustainability Audit by of Professor Andy Kerr of the ECCI that:

‘The City of Edinburgh Council has an unprecedented opportunity to set Edinburgh on a course that will deliver rapid improvements in social and economic wellbeing for its citizens, as well as meeting stretching climate and environmental targets. This would put Edinburgh at the forefront of global cities’.
- 5) Therefore calls for a report to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee, within one cycle, on a Climate Emergency 2030 target for Edinburgh in-line with the latest UN IPCC advice on remaining within a global average temperature rise of 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial levels, including a detailed assessment of annual emissions from 1990 to date, interim targets consistent with the 1.5 degree limit, and an action plan setting out how this can be achieved.”

9.5 By Councillor Mowat - Purchase of Land at Granton

“Council

- 1) Notes the Council’s purchase of the land at Granton and its aspirations, as stated in the press, for this land to create a world-class new place incorporating mixed-use development and supporting infrastructure.
- 2) Notes comments by the Council’s Depute Leader that Edinburgh should emulate Dundee’s significant achievements in waterfront regeneration, anchored by the addition of the new V&A museum and creation of a promenade.
- 3) Recognises the success of the competition of 1766 where the then Edinburgh Town Council, under Lord Provost George Drummond, instigated a public competition for architectural submissions for the scheme now known as the New Town.
- 4) Calls for a report in one cycle to the whole council detailing progress on the master plan to date and when and how Competitions and other forms of public submission such as Housing Expos; could be used for elements of the scheme to deliver Edinburgh’s own world class waterfront.”

9.6 By Councillor Staniforth - Ensuring Venues Follow the Fair Fringe Charter

“Council:

- 1) Notes that the council has accepted the principles of the Fair Fringe Charter.
- 2) Notes the Fair Fringe’s damning report of C Venues’ apparent disregard for the Fair Fringe Charter.
- 3) Believes it should do everything it can to ensure venues engage in the good employment practices of the Fair Fringe Charter and the Festival Workers Welfare Commitment.
- 4) Therefore calls for a briefing to be sent to all members within two cycles detailing what enforcement practice the council could engage in to ensure good workers’ welfare at the Fringe. This should include, but not be limited to, potential measures to avoid letting council premises to venues which fail to abide by the Fair Fringe Charter and potential measures to enforce good employment practice via licensing.”

9.7 By Councillor Laidlaw - Sponsorship of Built Environment and Land Assets

“Council

- 1) Notes the significant budget pressures that the City of Edinburgh Council faces, with anticipated cuts of over £41 million for 2019/2020.
- 2) Recognises that, while it has been proposed, the Council has not implemented, or formally reported, on sponsorship of built environment and land assets, such as roundabouts, hard and soft landscaping, parks and seasonal decorations, to help maintain, add and improve assets, provide benefit to communities and reduce capital and revenue costs to City of Edinburgh Council.
- 3) Notes the experience of the Head of Place Management at City of Edinburgh Council in delivering such projects, and asks the Director of Place to bring a report within two cycles to Full Council that outlines options available including cost modelling and specific examples.

9.8 By Councillor Whyte – Intelligent Traffic Signals

“Council:

Notes the adoption of Pedestrian Countdown Timers in other UK Cities.

Further notes the effectiveness and advantages of such systems whereby pedestrians feel less rushed when crossing and have greater certainty to decide whether they have enough time to cross. This is particularly the case for those with mobility issues who may cross more slowly and can gain greater confidence from such systems. In addition, these road installations can allow a small reduction in delay to motorised vehicle traffic – a particular issue for public transport in Edinburgh.

Also notes that some traffic light installations in Edinburgh have been adjusted to show a red crossing signal to pedestrians some time before the green signal for vehicle traffic in order to deter pedestrians from starting to cross and that this can cause confusion and frustration for pedestrians that would be eliminated by the use of Intelligent Traffic Signals.

Acknowledges that Edinburgh, as a growing City, needs to maintain traffic flow whilst ensuring pedestrian safety.

Therefore, instructs the Director of Place to report within two cycles on the possibility of installing Intelligent Traffic Signals in Edinburgh as an initial pilot using at least one a City Centre and one suburban test site. The report to outline desk research on the variant models operated by other UK local authorities, full costings involved, suitable junctions and pedestrian crossings as trial locations both within and outwith the city centre, a timeframe for installation and a timeline for collecting and analysing the pilot data.”

9.9 By Councillor Jim Campbell - EIJB (Health and Social Care Partnership) Budget Considerations

“Council

Require an urgent report from the Chief Executive to detail:

- 1) Any discussions between Council Officers and the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board on the level of budget contributions from the Council to the Board for financial year 2019 / 2020;
- 2) The level of budget contributions that the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board has suggested it will require from the City of Edinburgh Council for the coming financial year;

- 3) The process by which any dispute over the required level of budget contribution from City of Edinburgh Council to the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board would be resolved;
- 4) An explanation of how the City of Edinburgh Council shall manage such a dispute over budget contributions, including details of any financial contingencies and temporal mismatches in the budget timelines of the Council and the Board.
- 5) An opinion from the Council's Section 95 Chief Financial Officer on the impact of Council setting a budget that may not include our best understanding of in year expenditure pressures."

9.10 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Budget Consultation

"Council

Notes the amendment Councillor Corbett placed before the Finance and Resources Committee on 27 September 2018, which received cross-party support and the Committee wisely agreed.

Thanks Officers for their efforts in trying to discharge the amendment.

But is disappointed that public feedback in the budget deliberations of Council this year has been significantly constrained by the lack of any effective choice. Requires future budget consultations to detail individual budget savings that the Edinburgh residents could support or oppose, where the sum of all the individual savings adds to at least 120% of the total saving that has been identified as being required.

Implores this Council Administration to issued budget consultation for public feedback in a way and in a timescale in which that feedback can influence the final budget decisions over the days, weeks and months ahead."

9.11 By Councillor Booth – Settled Status for EU Citizens

"Council:

- 1) Warmly welcomes the positive impact made by EU Nationals to the cultural, economic and social life of our city, agrees they should be made to feel welcome here, and is honoured and delighted that so many EU Nationals have chosen to make their home in Edinburgh;
- 2) Notes the settled status scheme run by the UK Government which requires 3.5 million EU nationals resident in the UK to apply for "settled status" or risk deportation;

- 3) Welcomes the U-turn announced by the UK Government in January 2019 that the proposed £65 for the settled status application has been withdrawn;
- 4) Nonetheless condemns the retrospective nature of any applications, which forces EU Nationals who have already made their homes in the UK to apply for a right that they already have; further condemns in the strongest terms the implication that those EU Nationals resident in the UK who do not apply may be subject to deportation;
- 5) Condemns the fact that a number of EU Nationals who have lived here for many years have been refused settled status by an online system for unspecified reasons and with no apparent appeal process;
- 6) Agrees the Council Leader will write to UK Home Secretary raising concerns about the settled status scheme & urging them to amend the scheme urgently to ensure that people who have chosen to make their lives here under the auspices of the EU's Freedom of Movement should be welcome to stay without any further documentation and should be entitled to retain the rights they currently have after the UK leaves the EU."

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