

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 24 June 2010 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

3.1 Edinburgh Tram Project

- (a) **Edinburgh Railway Action Group** – e-mail dated 14 June 2010 (circulated)

4 Questions

- 4.1 **By Councillor Mowat – 2030 Transport Strategy – 20 mph Zones** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.2 **By Councillor Mowat – Caltongate – Sale of Land** – to be answered by the Leader of the Council
- 4.3 **By Councillor Johnstone – Energy Costs and Temperatures in Schools** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.4 **By Councillor Henderson – Blue Badge Scheme – Charges** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

- 4.5 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Research into Team Teaching** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.6 **By Councillor Munro – Drumbrae Library** – to be answered by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee
- 4.7 **By Councillor Munro – Libraries** – to be answered by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee
- 4.8 **By Councillor Munro – Duncan Place Resource Centre** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.9 **By Councillor Child – Recycling of Food Waste** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.10 **By Councillor Godzik – Redevelopment of Boroughmuir High School, St Crispin’s Special School and St John’s Primary School** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.11 **By Councillor Godzik – School Estate Survey 2009** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.12 **By Councillor Godzik – School Closures – Receiving Schools** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.13 **By Councillor Godzik – Temporary Learning Assistants** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.14 **By Councillor Burgess – 10:10 Campaign Pledge – Climate Changing Pollution Reduction** – to be answered by the Leader of the Council
- 4.15 **By Councillor Burgess – 20 mph Speed Limits** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.16 **By Councillor Burgess – Loft Insulation Discount Scheme** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 4.17 **By Councillor Burgess – Caltongate** – to be answered by the Convener of the Planning Committee

5 Minutes

- 5.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council of 27 May 2010 (circulated)** – submitted for approval as a correct record

6 Election Business

- 6.1 Convention of Scottish Local Authorities – Appointments** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

7 Reports from Committees

- 7.1 Leader’s Report** (circulated)

8 New Business

- 8.1 Alternative Business Models Programme** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

- 8.2 Edinburgh Tram Project – Update Report** – joint report by the Directors of City Development and Finance (circulated)

- 8.3 Integration of Public Transport – Company Structures** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

- 8.4 Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC Limited) – Requirement for Additional Function Space (AFS)** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

- 8.5 Budget Communications and Engagement 2011-12** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

- 8.6 Hub South East Territory – Council Participation** – joint report by the Directors of Corporate Services and City Development (circulated)

- 8.7 Unaudited Financial Statements 2009/10** – report by the Director of Finance (circulated)

- 8.8 Youth Services Advisory Committee – Replacement by Edinburgh Youth Issues Forum** – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)

- 8.9 Modernising Planning – Scheme of Delegation** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

9 Notices of Motion for Debate at Council

- 9.1 By Councillor Cardownie – Charter of Rights for People with Dementia and their Carers in Scotland**

“Council notes the recent publication of the *Charter of Rights for People with Dementia and their Carers in Scotland* and congratulates Alzheimer’s Scotland for their work relating to the publication of the charter.

Council fully supports the aims of the charter to empower people with dementia and their carers to assert their rights in every part of their daily lives; to ensure that those who provide health, social care and other services understand and respect the rights of people with dementia and their carers; and to ensure the highest quality of service provision to people with dementia and their carers.”

9.2 By Councillor Beckett – Retail Outlets in the City Centre

“Council recognises the requirement for a balance in retail use in the Old Town in order that the long term needs of city centre residents are considered while also providing for those visiting the city.

Council also notes the proliferation of retail units selling tourist memorabilia on the Royal Mile and recognises the concerns expressed over the variety and quality of the retailing environment along with the resulting drop in amenity for local residents.

Council therefore resolves to consult with local residents and the local business community, along with other stakeholders such as Visit Scotland and DEMA, to seek their views on the future of the retail offering on the Royal Mile.

Council also calls for a report which details the legal constraints that would limit any action that could be proposed and further seeks clarification on which bye-laws could be implemented and any planning or legal restrictions that would assist in addressing any problems identified.”

9.3 By Councillor Whyte – Reductions in Public Spending

“Council:

- i) notes that the UK Budget Deficit for 2009/10 was £156 bn;
- ii) notes that the Westminster Government has identified reduction of this deficit as a key priority;
- iii) notes that £6.2bn of reductions in public spending are proposed for this financial year with further savings projected for future financial years;
- iv) further notes that the Scottish Government has signalled its intention to defer making its share of these savings, amounting to £332m, until next financial year;
- v) accordingly, instructs the Director of Finance to bring forward proposals for building a financial contingency within this financial year that can be used to facilitate a smoother transition to the more challenging financial environment anticipated from next financial year.”

9.4 By Councillor Hinds – Heart of Midlothian Amateur Swimming Club – 125th Anniversary

“Council recognises the 125th anniversary of the Heart of Midlothian Amateur Swimming Club and the Club’s contribution to the development of competitive swimming at all levels from local to Olympic.

Council requests that the Lord Provost recognise this unique club’s outstanding and long service to swimming in an appropriate manner.”

9.5 By Councillor Day – Drylaw Rainbow Club Day Care Centre

“Council acknowledges the important and valuable service provided by Drylaw Rainbow Club Day Care Centre and its team of committed volunteers, and congratulates them on 25 years of day care provision to older people in North Edinburgh. The project serves more than 75 vulnerable elderly people every week, providing essential care and support.

Council requests that the Lord Provost recognise this occasion in an appropriate manner.”

9.6 By Councillor Day – Edinburgh Tenants Federation

“Council congratulates Edinburgh Tenants Federation on 20 years of participation and support to tenants in Edinburgh. Council particularly recognises the support given by ETF to tenants with mental health issues, work which was recently recognised by being awarded the Frances Nelson award.

Council requests that the Lord Provost recognise this occasion in an appropriate manner.”

9.7 By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Statutory Notices

“Council notes:

Edinburgh’s particular powers regarding statutory notices;

that the Council is at present managing a rolling project with a total of 800 contracts instigated by statutory notices;

that this work is worth approximately £28m and includes a minimum of £17m of work for next year;

that the other 31 Scottish local authorities collectively processed only £1.3m of works under statutory notices;

that this level of operation is putting significant pressures on the teams involved, in particular in the area of communications with residents;

that this is particularly acute in the initial serving of statutory notices where limited access to up to date registers, lack of information about the options available to residents and the need for clarity of the potential scope of such notices make the whole process fraught with difficulties.

Council agrees:

to instruct the Director of City Development to conduct a full review of the statutory notice process, including lessons learnt from recent large projects and a focus on how to involve residents in decisions about progressing works at an earlier stage.”

9.8 By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Home to School Transport Entitlement

“Council notes that, as a result of the decision in the recent budget to change the home to school transport entitlement from 2 miles to 3 miles:

- this has caused significant concern amongst parents at Holyrood RC High School as well as in other schools across the city, namely Boroughmuir, Craigmount, Currie, Firrhill, St Thomas of Aquin’s and Tynecastle;
- in Holyrood RC High school this has affected over 20% of pupils;
- there was no consultation with parent councils on this issue;
- there was no equalities impact assessment on issues of poverty or religion made before this decision was brought to the Council;
- many Holyrood parents are seriously considering sending their children elsewhere because of concerns about safer routes to school especially as the safer routes to schools unit did not know about this decision before it was implemented;
- the school is not well served by public transport and there is likely to be increased traffic congestion in an area that already struggles with traffic congestion during rush hours;
- many pupils now face a journey involving 2 or more buses on infrequent services as well as a 10 or 15 minute walk each way;
- the bus carrying pupils from more than three miles away will pass the door of affected pupils who will be unable to access it and instead have to catch two service buses, resulting in significantly extended travel times.

Council instructs the Director of Children and Families to arrange an urgent meeting between the Holyrood RC High School parent body, the parent bodies of other affected schools who wish to be included and senior education and transport officers to explore ways in which the consequences of this decision can be mitigated by for example:

- exploring ways in which parents and the authority can collaborate to provide a school service by working with not for profit providers like Edinburgh Community Transport Service
- exploring ways in which pupils within the 3 miles exclusion zone could access the bus which will be passing their door, even if that means paying a fee
- conducting an equalities impact assessment on this issue
- being as creative and imaginative as possible.”

9.9 By Councillor Ewan Aitken – The Sheep Heid Inn, Duddingston – 650 Years of Trading

“Council Congratulates the Sheep Heid Inn in Duddingston Village on the celebration this year of 650 years of continuous trading.

Council notes that helpful discussions have been taking place between Council officers and those planning the anniversary celebrations.

Council requests that the Lord Provost liaise with the management of the Sheep Heid Inn with a view to agreeing an appropriate acknowledgement of this exceptional anniversary.”

9.10 By Councillor Hinds – Co-operative and Mutual Business Models

“Council notes that mutually owned businesses and social enterprises can have an important part to play in national and local economies. They can not only generate wealth and employment but their profits are retained in the community to the benefit of other local businesses or, often, used directly for the benefit of those communities.

Council therefore calls for a report on how the City of Edinburgh Council could potentially promote, encourage and set up co-operative and mutual models.”

9.11 By Councillor Edie – Edinburgh Tenants Federation

“Council recognises the many achievements of the Edinburgh Tenants Federation in successfully representing our tenants’ interests and notes that 2010 marks their 20th Anniversary.

Council also notes that ETF have won the nationally acclaimed Frances Nelson Award for its pioneering work in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council to improve services for tenants with mental health difficulties. Council asks the Lord Provost to write to ETF and convey the Council's congratulations."

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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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