

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda

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### The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 18 November 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

If any

#### 4 Questions

4.1 **By Councillor Balfour – Administration Budget 2011/12** – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee

4.2 **By Councillor Buchan – Special Educational Needs Tribunal Decisions** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

4.3 **By Councillor Johnstone – School Closures – Savings** – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

4.4 **By Councillor Johnstone – Brussels Charter** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

4.5 **By Councillor Child – Fly Tipping and Special Uplifts** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

4.6 **By Councillor Perry – Edinburgh Stair Partnership** – for answer by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee

- 4.7 **By Councillor Blacklock – Women’s Aid Services** – for answer by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.8 **By Councillor Blacklock – English and Scottish Defence Leagues** – for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 4.9 **By Councillor Burgess – Recycling Rates** – for answer by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

## 5 Minutes

- 5.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council** of 14 October 2010 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

## 6 Election Business

- 6.1 **Placing in Schools Appeal Committee** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

## 7 Reports from Committees

- 7.1 **Leader’s Report** (circulated)

## 8 New Business

- 8.1 **BlindCraft** – report by the Director of Health and Social Care (to follow)
- 8.2 **Lothian Buses, TEL and tie – Board Appointments** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.3 **21<sup>st</sup> Century Homes – Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order** – report by the Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 8.4 **2010 Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Places** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

**Note:** Maps showing the revised Polling District Boundaries have been placed in Group Rooms and are available on CD.

- 8.5 **Edinburgh Airport – Access and Infrastructure Issues** – report by the Director of City Development (circulated)
- 8.6 **Marketing Edinburgh**
  - (a) report by the Economic Development Committee (circulated)
  - (b) **Business Case** – report by the Director of City Development (circulated)
- 8.7 **Completion of the Usher Hall Refurbishment** – joint report by the Directors of Corporate Services and City Development (circulated)

## **9 Reports from Neighbourhood Partnerships**

If any

## **10 Notices of Motion for Debate at Council**

### **10.1 By Councillor Balfour – Council Services**

“Council instructs the Chief Executive to bring forward a report within two cycles identifying:

- i) those services the Council is obliged to deliver as a matter of statutory duty together with the relevant statutory reference;
- ii) those services the Council currently delivers which are not a statutory duty.”

### **10.2 By Councillor Whyte – Talking Buses**

“Council:

- i) acknowledges the role of accessible local bus services in the mobility of disabled people;
- ii) recognises that the lack of audio visual information systems on buses makes these services difficult to use for many people;
- iii) supports the Talking Buses campaign promoted by Guide Dogs and supported by 20 other national organisations; and
- iv) agrees, where possible, within its development of strategy and policy and in discussions with bus service providers to promote the use of audible and visual information systems which announce next stop and final destination information.”

### **10.3 By Councillor Chapman – Royal Mail Postal Services, Brunswick Road**

“Council notes that, from the end of November, there will no longer be posting facilities at the former Brunswick Road sorting office, and that this means the latest uplift of mail for Leith Walk businesses and residents will be at 7:15pm in Frederick Street (currently 7:30pm at Brunswick Road). For franked mail with a meter users are directed to Constitution Street with last uplift at 6:30pm instead of the existing 7:00pm at Brunswick Road.

Council believes that this loss of service to businesses and residents is unacceptable.

Council therefore instructs the Leader and the Chief Executive to request that Royal Mail retain late posting facilities for businesses and citizens in the Leith Walk area, for example by providing a box for franked mail on Elm Row, or at the very least, by extending the collection times in the city centre to match the current service at Brunswick Road.”

#### **10.4 By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Citizens’ Advice Edinburgh Services in the Royal Edinburgh Hospital and Edinburgh Royal Infirmary**

“Council

- notes the decision by NHS Lothian to terminate funding of Citizens’ Advice Edinburgh services in the Royal Edinburgh Hospital and the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.
- further notes the increased demand for these services in the context of the credit crunch, public service cuts and significant job losses in the private sector.
- calls for a report in two cycles on how Citizens’ Advice Edinburgh can be supported in providing advice and support services across the city, especially for the most vulnerable citizens.”

#### **10.5 By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Edinburgh University Settlement**

“Council notes with disappointment the closure of Edinburgh University Settlement after over 100 years of service to the city

Council further notes that funding had been allocated through EUS in 2010/11 to:

Stepping Stones (arts-based mental health project for young people aged 18-25)

Community Learning Centre Project

Early Years Sure Start Project

City Literacy and Numeracy Project (CLAN)

English as a Second Language (ESOL)

Council expresses deep concern about the devastating effect this loss of service will have on significant numbers of residents.

Council agrees to call for a report, in one cycle, detailing the action plan to be undertaken by relevant departments to ensure that those in receipt of a Council funded service through an EUS project get a new service as quickly as possible. The report to indicate what efforts have been made to find alternative providers within the 3rd sector.”

## **10.6 By Councillor Hinds – Public Sector Procurement**

“This Council notes that in Scotland the public sector spends around £9 billion each year purchasing goods and services. It is crucial that all public sector procurement provides the best possible value for money.

Council further notes that:

- under Article 19 of the EU public procurement directive, any public sector body may reserve public contracts for supported businesses. This is enacted in Scotland by Regulation 7 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.
- the Scottish Government’s policy is that every public body should reserve at least one contract for supported businesses. In this way, public bodies can fulfil their social objectives in helping more disabled people into work.
- there are over 24 supported businesses across Scotland which employ over 800 staff.

Council therefore calls for a report from the Chief Executive:

- Identifying at least one contract which could be used under the Article 19 public directive.
- Asking the Edinburgh Partnership to consider how public bodies in the Partnership could identify contracts which could use the Article 19 public directive.”

## **10.7 By Councillor Hinds – Learning Disability Alliance Scotland – Winner of the Herald Society Awards 2010 Campaign of the Year Award**

“Council notes that Learning Disability Alliance Scotland (LDAS) recently won the Herald Society Awards 2010 Campaign of the Year award.

Council regards the award as a fitting tribute to the hard work, dedication and tenacity of LDAS and the many service users and carers who have helped to put right an injustice.

Council agrees to congratulate all those involved in the campaign and ask the Lord Provost to mark the award in an appropriate way.”

## **10.8 By Councillor Johnstone – Neighbour Notification Process**

“Council:

Agrees that this Council has a duty to ensure that neighbours are notified of planning applications in accordance with the Planning (Scotland) Act 2006;

Recognises that most neighbours who should receive notification do so but that, on occasion, non-notification has been reported to the Council;

Regrets that in cases where non-notification occurs neighbours have been unable to take part in the planning process as deadlines have been missed;

Notes that in such cases neighbours are unaware of an application until building work commences; and

Calls for a report into how best to improve neighbour notification regarding planning applications to ensure that all neighbours entitled to notification receive it.”

## **10.9 By Councillor Burgess – Cruelty Free Purchasing Policy**

“Council:

Notes that Councils, including Sheffield and Enfield, have adopted a Cruelty Free Purchasing Policy which requires the use of cleaning products which are not tested on animals.

Agrees to adopt a Cruelty Free Purchasing Policy which only uses cleaning products which are not tested on animals and have been approved under British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV)'s Humane Household Products Standard.”

## **10.10 By Councillor Burgess – Financing Investment in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

“Council:

Recognises that investment in energy efficiency measures and renewable energy generation for Council buildings could reduce energy bills, generate income and at the same time reduce pollution contributing to climate change.

Further recognises that a barrier to this win-win outcome is a lack of upfront capital for such investment, however understands that there may be other mechanisms available to the Council for funding such investment.

Therefore requests a report on the mechanisms available to the Council for financing investment in energy efficiency measures and renewable energy generation for the Council estate.”

## **11 Notices of Motion for Remit to Committees**

### **11.1 By Councillor Child – East Social Work Office – Staff Accommodation – for remit to the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee**

“To call for a report within one cycle on the desirability of the staff of the East Social Work Office remaining in their current accommodation at 171 Duddingston Park until they are able to move to the new Craigmillar Town Centre East Area Office, which has recently been awarded planning consent.”

**Alastair Maclean**  
Head of Legal and Administrative Services

#### **Notes:**

- 1) For remaining item of business, likely to be considered in private, see separate agenda.
- 2) 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](mailto:carmel.riley@edinburgh.gov.uk).
- 3) A copy of the agenda and papers for this meeting will be available for inspection prior to the meeting at the main reception office, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh.
- 4) The agenda, minutes and public reports for this meeting and all the main Council committees can be viewed online by going to [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cpol](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cpol). Members and Officers of the Council can also view them by going to the Orb home page and clicking on Council papers online.



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