

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 19 August 2004 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 World City of Literature Project** – e-mail dated 9 August 2004 (circulated)

4 Questions

- 4.1 **By Councillor Gilchrist – Correspondence – Response Targets** – for answer by the Executive Member for Transport and Public Realm
- 4.2 **By Councillor Gilchrist – City Car Club – Parking in Cockburn Street** – for answer by the Executive Member for Transport and Public Realm
- 4.3 **By Councillor Gilchrist – Councillors Mobile Phones** – for answer by the Executive Member for Human and Corporate Resources
- 4.4 **By Councillor Jackson – Congestion Charging Referendum** – for answer by the Executive Member for Transport and Public Realm
- 4.5 **By Councillor Tritton – Go4it and Play4it Leaflets** – for answer by the Executive Member for Youth Strategy and Education
- 4.6 **By Councillor Dawe – Housing Benefit Claims** – for answer by the Executive Member for Sustainability and Finance

4.7 By Councillor Tritton – Accident/Damage Claims – for answer by the Executive Member for Sustainability and Finance

4.8 By Councillor Mackintosh – Lord Provost’s Transport – for answer by the Executive Member for Sustainability and Finance

5 Minutes

5.1 The City of Edinburgh Council of 24 June 2004 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

6 Election Business

6.1 Appointments – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

6.2 Council By-Election – Electoral Ward No 43 Colinton – By-Election Arrangements – report by the Returning Officer (to follow)

7 Executive Reports

7.1 Leader’s Report (circulated)

7.2 Financial Outturn 2003-2004 – Unaudited – report by the Executive (circulated)

8 New Business

8.1 Edinburgh International Conference Centre – Additional Function Space

(a) report by the Chief Executive (re-circulated)

(b) joint report by the Directors of Finance and City Development (re-circulated)

(c) supplementary joint report by the Directors of Finance and City Development (circulated)

Note: This item was continued from the Council meeting of 24 June 2004.

8.2 External Audit of Child Protection Services in Edinburgh – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

Note: Copies of the External Audit and Review Team Report into Child Protection Services in Edinburgh have been placed in Group Rooms and the Council Information Centre, City Chambers.

8.3 Edinburgh Youth Social Inclusion Partnership – Future Role as Children and Young People’s Commission – report by the Director of Education/Director of Children and Families (Designate) (circulated)

8.4 Edinburgh World City of Literature – report by the Director of Culture and Leisure (circulated)

8.5 Edinburgh's Hogmanay – Changes to the Royal Bank Street Party Pass – report by the Director of City Development (to follow)

9 Reports from Committees

If any

10 Reports from Scrutiny Panels

If any

11 Notices of Motion for Debate at Council

11.1 By Councillor Whyte – Standing Orders

“Standing Order 58:

1) To insert a new clause (8) as follows –

When the Executive instructs that a decision be implemented ahead of any consideration by a Scrutiny Panel on the grounds of urgency, the Convener must give clear reasons for this.

2) To renumber Standing Order 58(8) as 58(9).”

Note: The Council on 24 June 2004 agreed that this motion be submitted in terms of Standing Order 90(2).

11.2 By Councillor Mrs MacLaren – Post Office Closures

“This Council deplores the large number of post offices targeted for closure in Edinburgh. Decisions are being made without taking adequately into account the needs of post office customers, and many closures will have an adverse impact on communities, and will especially affect the elderly, disabled and poorer residents.

Council regrets that the proposals have not been carried out on a strategic basis, and have little to do with protecting local community services, and everything to do with cutting costs.

Council therefore calls on Post Office Ltd to withdraw their closure proposals for the city and instead to come forward with a comprehensive review of postal services in Edinburgh together with plans for assisting those Postmasters/Mistresses, who wish to stay in business, on how to maximise their income.”

11.3 By Councillor Aldridge – Urban Foxes

“That, in the light of public concern about recent attacks by urban foxes on domestic pets, the Executive receive a report on the extent of the problem and whether any action is either necessary or desirable to address the issue.”

11.4 By Councillor Lowrie – Impact of 3G Facilities

“Council asks for a report on the impact of the growing use of 3G facilities by mobile phone users. This involves a huge expansion of masts and base stations required.

The report should address the economic, environmental and health issues and should include a location map showing the positions of new apparatus scheduled to come into service in the next six months.”

11.5 By Councillor Tritton – Cycle Link – New Royal Infirmary

“To ask the Director of City Development to report on providing a cycle link to connect the New Royal Infirmary Public Transport Link to Dalkeith, through Danderhall and Shawfair and the new park and recreation areas recently brought into public ownership.”

11.6 By Councillor Tritton – Anti-Social Behaviour

“Council recognises that the presence and anti-social behaviour of some homeless people in city streets are causing problems for local residents and traders.

Council therefore calls for a report on what sanctions are available to the Council and the Police to mitigate these problems.”

11.7 By Councillor Mackintosh – China – Human Rights

“The Council notes and welcomes the increasing openness of China to improve relationships with the international community.

The Council also:

- 1 notes with regret the continuing poor human rights record of the Chinese Government, particularly regarding Tibet and minority groups within China;
- 2 calls on the Scottish and UK Governments to raise the issue of human rights at every available opportunity with representatives of the Chinese Government; and
- 3 commits all the Council's representatives to emphasising these concerns through our twinning with Xian at every opportunity.”

11.8 By Councillor Dixon – Defence Expenditure Reductions

“This Council calls on the Prime Minister and his Government to have regard to the present and foreseeable commitments of the armed forces and therefore calls on the Government to reverse its decision to impose cuts of £2 billion across the armed forces.

Furthermore, this Council is concerned for the future of Edinburgh’s local infantry regiment, the Royal Scots. This Council therefore calls on the Government to preserve the current Scottish regimental structure.”

John Sturt
Council Secretary

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.
- 2) 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. Members and Officers of the Council can also view them by going to the Council intranet home page and clicking on Committee Business.