

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 29 April 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 Jackson – Neighbourhood Management Areas** – to be answered by the Leader of the Council
- 4.2 **By Councillor Buchan – Educational Additional Support Placements** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.3 **By Councillor Buchan – Support Care for Autistic Children** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.4 **By Councillor Burns – Modernising Pay** – to be answered by the Leader of the Council
- 4.5 **By Councillor Blacklock – Polling Stations – Disabled Access** – to be answered by the Leader of the Council

- 4.6 **By Councillor Day – West Pilton Children and Families Centre** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.7 **By Councillor Day – Royston Primary School – Transition to New School** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.8 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Quality Improvement Officer Posts** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.9 **By Councillor Munro – Duncan Place Resource Centre** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.10 **By Councillor Munro – English as a Second Language Service** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.11 **By Councillor Munro – Former Fort Primary School Building** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.12 **By Councillor Murray – Orbital Bus Routes in South Edinburgh** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.13 **By Councillor Perry – Maintenance of Bus Lanes and Cycle Ways** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.14 **By Councillor Child – Community High Schools Review** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.15 **By Councillor Hart – Gracemount Youth and Community Centre** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.16 **By Councillor Hart – Burdiehouse Primary School – Transition to New School** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.17 **By Councillor Godzik – Usher Hall, Assembly Rooms, City Art Centre and Royal Commonwealth Pool Projects** – to be answered by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee
- 4.18 **By Councillor Godzik – Warrender Swim Centre** – to be answered by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee

- 4.19 **By Councillor Godzik – Legislation on the Sale of NHS Land** – to be answered by the Leader of the Council
- 4.20 **By Councillor Henderson – Fort Breakfast Club** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.21 **By Councillor Henderson – Home to School Transport** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

5 Minutes

- 5.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council of 11 March 2010** (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

6 Election Business

If any

7 Reports from Committees

- 7.1 **Leader's Report** (circulated)
- 7.2 **Report of Pre-determination Hearing – Land 426 Metres Northwest of 113 Glasgow Road Edinburgh – Operational Inter-modal Railway Station and Interchange Facility to Tram Stop (Application 09/02589/FUL)** – report by the Development Management Sub-Committee (circulated)

Note: The Head of Planning will present the report and take questions from elected members at the Council meeting. Members can also contact him prior to the meeting.

- 7.3 **Edinburgh and Lothians Racial Equality Council – Funding for 2010/11** – report by the Policy and Strategy Committee (circulated)

8 New Business

- 8.1 **Lothian Buses – Board Appointments** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.2 **Revised Management Rules for Libraries** – report by the Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 8.3 **Edinburgh Prison Visiting Committee – Appointments** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

9 Reports from Neighbourhood Partnerships

- 9.1 **Community Learning and Development Review – Proposed Closure of Community Centres** – report by the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership (circulated)

10 Notices of Motion for Debate at Council

10.1 By the Lord Provost – Condolences – President Lech Kaczynski of Poland and First Lady Madame Kaczynska

“Council records its sorrow at the death of President Lech Kaczynski and First Lady Madame Kaczynska, together with many of Poland's leading figures.

Edinburgh values its strong links with Poland and recognises the significant contribution that Edinburgh's Polish community continues to make to the success of the city.

Council notes that the Lord Provost has written to the Consul General of Poland Thomaz Trafas on behalf of the people of Edinburgh to express to the whole Polish nation our deepest sympathy for this tragedy.

As Edinburgh and the City of Krakow share a special relationship as formal Partner Cities, the Lord Provost has also sent a letter of condolence to the Mayor of Krakow Jacek Majchrowski.”

10.2 By the Lord Provost – Condolences – 3rd Battalion The Rifles

"Council expresses its sympathy to the families of the following dedicated and brave soldiers, based in Edinburgh, who have lost their lives in service of their country:

Serjeant Steven Campbell, serving with 3rd Battalion The Rifles, who was killed whilst on patrol near Sangin on 22 March 2010;

Rifleman Daniel Holkham, serving with 3rd Battalion The Rifles, who died in an explosion near to the Sangin Bazaar on 27 March 2010; and

Rifleman Mark Turner, serving with 3rd Battalion The Rifles, who was killed as a result of an explosion whilst on patrol in the Kajaki area of Helmand province on 4 April 2010.

Council records its condolences for the 3rd Battalion The Rifles as they mourn the loss of their colleagues."

10.3 By Councillor Rust – Home to School Transport

“Council:

- i) notes that the journey distance criterion for transport from home to school has been changed by the Administration;

- ii) notes that many parents, school staff and church leaders were not aware of any proposal to change this criterion prior to receipt of a recent letter informing them that the change had already been made;
- iii) notes with concern that parents do not feel that they have been adequately consulted and that concerns over the safety audits have arisen;
- iv) instructs the Director of Education, Children and Families to hold further consultation discussions with parents and church representatives on this matter to explain and detail the safety review process.”

10.4 By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Garden Aid

“Council notes:

- that the Administration's budget included a proposal to charge those receiving Garden Aid for the first time;
- that there was no indication of this in any part of the text of the Administration motion.

Council further notes that there have been a number of unintended consequences including:

- common green areas are now being cut at the expense of some residents but for the benefit of all residents;
- there is anecdotal evidence that when residents in receipt of garden aid move house, the service continues to be delivered at their original address. It is necessary to ensure that those addresses where garden aid is being delivered actually have residents who are in need of garden aid;
- that the charging system has in some cases turned neighbour against neighbour.

Council calls for a report which looks at how the service can be adapted to take account of change, a growing elderly population remaining at home rather than in residential care and the need to make sure common and communal areas are maintained in a manner befitting the capital city.”

10.5 By Councillor Child – Storm Damage to Coastal Defences

“Council calls for an urgent report on the recent severe storm damage to coastal defences, from Cramond through Portobello to Eastfield; the costs of making good the damage, including Portobello beach; resources required for coastal defences going forward.”

10.6 By Councillor Murray – “Bank on Owen” Campaign

“Council notes the Bank on Owen campaign, which seeks to highlight the achievements of Robert Owen, by campaigning to have him commemorated on Scottish banknotes in time for the International Year of the Co-operative in 2012.

Further notes the great contribution of the co-operative movement to the development of Edinburgh, believes that the Council should support the Bank on Owen campaign and requests that the Council Leader write to both the Bank of Scotland and RBS to highlight this support.”

11 Notices of Motion for Remit to Committees

11.1 By Councillor Thomas – Traffic Management in the Shore, Leith – for remit to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

“Council notes the success of the Traffic Free Day on the Shore in September 2009 and the local support from many residents and traders for reducing through traffic on the Shore, particularly the stretch from Sandport Bridge to Bernard Street.

Council, therefore, calls for a report into the feasibility of removing through traffic, excepting emergency vehicles, public transport and cycles, from Sandport Bridge to Bernard Street to be provided to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee within two Committee cycles.”

Alastair Maclean
Head of Legal and Administrative Services

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) 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.
- 3) 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 Orb home page and clicking on Committee Business.



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