

Notice of meeting and agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00 am, Thursday, 12 December 2013

Council Chamber, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

This is a public meeting and members of the public are welcome to attend

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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 21 November 2013 – submitted for approval as a correct record

5. Questions

- 5.1 By Councillor Whyte – Audit Scotland – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Budget Committee
- 5.2 By Councillor Burgess – Installation of Energy Efficient Street Lighting – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

6. Leader's Report

- 6.1 Leader's report (circulated)

7. Appointments

- 7.1 Transport for Edinburgh – Non Executive Directors - Appointments – report by the Chief Executive (to follow)
- 7.2 Appointments to Committees and the Board of FETA – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 7.3 Imagine and the BIG Project – Appointment of Members – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)

8. Reports

- 8.1 Bus and Tram Operations at Edinburgh Airport – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

8.2 Operational Governance:

- (a) Review of Scheme of Delegation to Officers – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)

Note: Members are advised that the report at 8.2(a) above includes an option which, if accepted, would require a change to Item No 5 of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee of 3 September 2013. This decision can only be changed if (1) the Lord Provost rules a material change in circumstances or (2) the Council agrees the decision was based on erroneous, incorrect or incomplete information (Standing Order 27).

- (b) Member/Officer Protocol – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)

8.3 Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

8.4 Treasury Management - Mid Term Report 2013/14 – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)

8.5 New Boroughmuir High School– report by the Head of Resources, Children and Families (circulated)

8.6 Human Trafficking in Edinburgh – Preliminary Report – motion by Councillor Rose – report by the Chief Social Work Officer (circulated)

9. Motions

9.1 By the Lord Provost – Nelson Mandela

“Council is greatly saddened by the death of Nelson Mandela and wishes to express its sincere condolences to his widow through me as Lord Provost.

Council recognises that Mr Mandela’s influence extends far beyond South Africa’s borders. His legacy and everything it represents will live on for generations to come.

Council also recognises the particular links Edinburgh has with Nelson Mandela with his award of Freedom of the City in 1997 and the naming of the Mandela Room in recognition of his inspirational contribution to world peace.

Council calls for a report which explores how Edinburgh can create a lasting tribute to Nelson Mandela in order to commemorate his contribution to creating multi racial democracy in South Africa and his long association with Edinburgh.”

9.2 By the Lord Provost – Glasgow Helicopter Crash

“Council joins me in conveying a message of sincere condolence following the recent terrible tragedy in Glasgow’s city centre on Friday 29th November.

Deepest sympathy goes to the bereaved families and friends of those who lost their lives, and our thoughts are also with those who were injured, to whom we wish a very speedy and full recovery.

We recognise the way that the community of Glasgow has reacted with such vigour and determination in these adverse circumstances.

The emergency services have also provided unstinting support through the dedicated personnel who contribute so much to Scottish society.

Council endorses the offers of assistance, made in the immediate aftermath of the accident, to the Lord Provost and Chief Executive of Glasgow City Council, by myself and Sue Bruce respectively.”

9.3 By Councillor Orr – Cycling and Active Travel

“Following the November conferences of Cycling Scotland and Living Streets, Council:

1. Welcomes the status of Edinburgh as the exemplar local authority for “active travel” in Scotland and notes that an estimated 35% of all trips made by Edinburgh residents are on foot with 7% of journeys to work being by bike; notes our ambitious cycling target of 15% of journeys to work by bike by 2020; and recognises that active travel is the most economical and sustainable form of personal transport.
2. Welcomes the fact that 57% of Edinburgh’s primary 6 school children have completed “bikeability” cycle training to level 2 (i.e. on-street training, and up from 31% in 2009/10); notes our ambitious targets of 100% by 2016/17; and notes that 130 bikes have been loaned to 13 primary schools under the Positive Action scheme to support this; notes also that 234 pupils also benefited from subsidised bike sales across 16 schools where bike ownership was low.
3. Welcomes the planned investment in new training facilities for sports cyclists at Huntershall and elsewhere.
4. Notes the significant potential benefits to Edinburgh of cycle tourism and welcomes the recent “Cycling Tourism Report” recently agreed by the economy committee and which is complimented by investments such as in the cycleway alongside the A90 to South Queensferry, and also our vision for the city centre.

Asks the Chief Executive for a report to:

1. Summarise the progress of the Council to date in encouraging cycling and active travel in all its forms, and also highlighting some of our significant plans for the future.
2. Identify whether it is necessary to take more steps to “mainstream” the support and promotion of cycling and active travel across the council.
3. Identify potential gaps in current plans to support existing targets around school cycling training and elsewhere; and cycle safety awareness training for drivers of our own fleet of large goods vehicles; and identifying potential solutions to address such gaps.
4. Assess the need for further support for walking as a travel mode such that it is encouraged and supported in the way that cycling is.
5. Assess how we can better communicate our achievements and promote what we are doing around cycling and active travel.
6. Promote and quantify the many health benefits of cycling, and other related benefits to the people of Edinburgh such as reduced congestion, reduced commuting time, reduced carbon emissions and improved air quality.
7. Investigate implementation and enforcement of the planning policies and guidelines of the Council with regard to supporting cycling and active travel and how these could be improved.”

9.4 By Councillor Corbett – Remade in Edinburgh: Zero Waste

“Council:

Congratulates Remade in Edinburgh on the occasion of its first AGM as Scotland’s pioneering social enterprise running a reuse and repair centre in Edinburgh:

- Diverting 50 tonnes from landfill
- Engaging over 2,500 people in the project;
- Training new skills in re-use and repair.”

9.5 By Councillor Nick Cook – External Media Provision in the City Chambers

“Council:

Notes that a desire has been expressed by local media for provision of a ‘press room’ based within the City Chambers and understands that such a facility has previously existed within the building.

Notes that the Capital Coalition's 'Contract with the Capital' makes an express commitment at 4.3 to "...further improve the quality, accountability, openness and fairness of the Council's operations"

Agrees that consistent, convenient and open access between media representatives and elected members/officers is an essential component of Council operating in the most open and transparent way possible.

Instructs Council officials to allocate a suitable room for use as a modestly provisioned, dedicated 'press room' within the City Chambers from which local reporters and other external media can operate from when working on relevant news coverage."

9.6 By Councillor Burgess – Energy Services Companies

"Council;

Notes that a paper on Energy Services Companies was presented at the recent Carbon, Climate & Sustainability Member Officer Working Group (CCSMOWG);

Notes that ESCos can provide a range of energy services including energy efficiency measures and renewable energy generation;

Notes that local authorities with ESCos are seeing significant reductions in carbon, compliance with legislation and potentially reduced energy bills and carbon taxes;

Notes that another potential major benefit from ESCos is in generating revenue that could provide a means of protecting future Council budgets and that at a European level cities with ESCOs such as Munich and Berlin generate millions of Euros in direct revenue for the councils;

Notes the paper to the CCSMOWG states the operational intention by officers to establish a project team to scope out the types of ESCO models, activities to be covered, objectives, procurement routes, governance, consultation with external partners and options for finance amongst others;

However, notes that this work does not currently have formal Political approval by Council and therefore, particularly given the significant potential of ESCos to contribute to Council revenue, calls for the next progress report on ESCos to be presented at Corporate Policy & Strategy Committee."

Carol Campbell

Head of Legal, Risk and Compliance

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