

Notice of meeting and agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00 am, Thursday, 29 June 2017

Council Chamber, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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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 Power to the People Group
- 3.2 Gracemount Primary School Parent Council (in relation to item 8.10 Outcome of the Statutory Consultation Process on the Proposal to Establish a New primary School etc in South East Edinburgh) – letter from the Chair of the Parent Council (circulated)
- 3.3 Spokes (in relation to item 9.1 – Motion by Councillor Macinnes - Action to Improve Conditions for Vulnerable Road Users)

4. Minutes

- 4.1 The City of Edinburgh Council of 27 April 2017 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record
- 4.2 The City of Edinburgh Council of 18 and 25 May 2017 (reconvened on 25 May 2017) (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

5. Questions

- 5.1 By Councillor Young – Congestion at Kirkliston Cross Roads – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.2 By Councillor Young – Traffic Study into Lauriston Farm Road – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.3 By Councillor Young – Improvements to Standard and Consistency of Waste Collection in the City – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.4 By Councillor Osler – Repairs to Water of Leith Walkway – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.5 By Councillor Lang – Burnshot Bridge – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

- 5.6 By Councillor Lang – Edinburgh Airport Flight Paths – for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 5.7 By Councillor Lang – Review of Janitorial Services – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.8 By Councillor Brown – Pavement Slurry Works – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.9 By Councillor Mowat – Domestic Missed Bin Complaints – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.10 By Councillor Rose – Meadows Festival Parking – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.11 By Councillor Rust – Redford Barracks – for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee
- 5.12 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Planning Applications, Building Warrants and Enforcement – for answer by the Convener of the Planning Committee

6. Leader's Report

- 6.1 Leader's report (circulated)

7. Appointments

- 7.1 Appointments to Outside Organisations 2017-22 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 7.2 Appointment of Members to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

8. Reports

- 8.1 Grenfell Tower – Council Response to Fire Safety and Contingency Planning – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)
- 8.2 Edinburgh Schools Inquiry – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.3 Council Diary 2017/18 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.4 Operational Governance Framework 2017 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.5 Urgent Actions – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.6 Monitoring Officer Investigation – report by the Monitoring Officer (circulated)

- 8.7 Unaudited Annual Accounts 2016-17 – report by the Executive Director of Resources (circulated)
- 8.8 Lothian Pension Fund, Lothian Buses Pension Fund and Scottish Homes Pension Fund Annual Report 2017 (and Financial Statements) Unaudited – report by the Executive Director of Resources (circulated)
- 8.9 Outcome of the Statutory Consultation on the Proposal to Relocate Victoria Primary School to a New Building in the Western Harbour– report by the Executive Director of Communities and Families (circulated)
- 8.10 Outcome of the Statutory Consultation Process on the Proposal to Establish a New Non-Denominational Primary School and Implement Catchment Changes to Address School Capacity and Accommodation Pressures in South East Edinburgh - report by the Executive Director of Communities and Families (circulated)
- 8.11 Outcome of the Consultation Process for the Proposal to Close Panmure St Ann’s Special School – report by the Executive Director of Communities and Families (circulated)
- 8.12 Independent Advocacy Services – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (circulated)
- 8.13 Framework Agreement for Day Support Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (circulated)
- 8.14 Recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee – 28 April 2017
 - (a) Report by the Chair of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee (circulated)
 - (b) Response to Outcome of the Complaints Review Committee – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (circulated)
- 8.15 Recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee – 24 May 2017 – report by the Chair of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee (circulated)

9. Motions

9.1 By Councillor Macinnes - Action to Improve Conditions for Vulnerable Road Users

“Recognising that officials have already started to examine issues of cycle safety, in light of the recent tragic death of Zhi Min Soh, a promising University of Edinburgh medical student, while cycling at the west end of Princes Street, the Council wishes to consider and implement measures to improve cycle safety and provide a greater sense of security for cyclists on Edinburgh’s roads.

Council therefore agrees to:

- 1) A review of the infrastructure at the junction at the west end of Princes Street where it meets Shandwick Place/Queensferry Street/Hope Street/Lothian Road/Rutland Square, to ensure that pedestrians and cyclists can use this junction safely and conveniently. This will include early engagement with, and consideration of suggestions from, cyclist and pedestrian groups on this review;
- 2) A continued roll-out of the proposed West-East cycleway (previously known as the Roseburn-Leith route);
- 3) A thorough infrastructure review of the tram line, focussing on the section between Haymarket Yards and York Place, and including points at South Gyle and Edinburgh Park where pedestrians and cyclists interact with the route; to recommend design, infrastructure, and traffic light phasing improvements to increase cyclist and pedestrian safety and convenience; this review to engage with cyclist and pedestrian groups at an early stage; and a scoping report on this work to be brought to Transport and Environment Committee within 2 cycles;
- 4) Steps taken to ensure design of any future tram line extension reflects council's policies to prioritise pedestrian and cyclist safety and convenience including consideration of segregated cycle lanes;
- 5) A medium-term action plan, to be implemented before the end of this Council term, to improve the public realm in the city centre with the aim of improving conditions for, and prioritising access for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users; and for a scoping report on this work to be brought to Transport & Environment Committee within 2 cycles.
- 6) That regular progress reports on this work will be made to the Transport and Environment Committee.”

9.2 By Councillor Miller – Attracting and Retaining Carers

“Council:

- 1) Notes that there is a shortfall of 3,000 hours of care per month in Edinburgh which is leaving individuals without suitable packages of care and is preventing timely discharge of patients from hospital;
- 2) Notes that the Integration Joint Board has commissioned research on what would be required to attract and retain the number of care workers we need;
- 3) Agrees to call for a report into the improvements in pay and conditions that could attract and retain care workers, in comparison to other employment options, and meet the shortfall in care provision, taking into account the results of the research.”

9.3 By Councillor Burgess – Rent Pressure Zone

“Council agrees to call for a report on the steps that need to be taken to implement a city-wide Rent Pressure Zone to limit increases in high rents in the private rented sector in the City.”

9.4 By Councillor Doggart – Leith Walk Works

- “1) Council regrets the inconvenience caused by the collapse of the Council’s contractor Land Engineering, the company responsible for undertaking the Phase 4 repairs to Leith Walk between Pilrig Street and McDonald Road. Council specifically regrets the additional disruption caused to the residents and businesses of Leith Walk and Leith by the company’s collapse and the inevitable delays incurred to the works programme.
- 2) Council instructs the Executive Director of Place to report within one cycle on the circumstances of the appointment and subsequent collapse of Land Engineering detailing the procurement processes used.
- 3) In particular, the report should detail:
 - the work undertaken, if any, to assess the financial viability of Land Engineering in light of the company's large losses in 2015.
 - an explanation of whether and when any subsequent reviews of the company's financial position took place after the awarding of the contract.

- whether any bonds, or other indemnities, were included in the contract.
 - the financial consequences of the demise of Land Engineering for council tax payers.
- 4) Council further instructs the Executive Director of Resources to provide a report to the appropriate Committee detailing any potential improvements to procurement processes that could be undertaken to improve financial checks on contractors' viability both before and for the duration of any future long term contracts."

9.5 By Councillor McLellan – Councillor Code of Conduct

"The City of Edinburgh Council affirms a councillors' first duty is to the people who elect them, that the safeguards for fair public scrutiny in the Councillor's

Code of Conduct should be strengthened, and that the Code should explicitly safeguard councillors' rights to freedom of expression in public hearings under Article 10 of the European Convention of Human Rights.

The Council further believes that inquiries into alleged code breaches by the Standards Commission of Scotland should be expedited much more timeously than is currently the case.

Council therefore requests that the leader of the council write to the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Housing to request that he undertakes a review of the contents and application of the Code of Conduct by the Standards Commission of Scotland."

9.6 By Councillor Mitchell – Pride Month

"That the City of Edinburgh Council acknowledges that June is Pride month and congratulates the organisers of Edinburgh Pride. Council recognises that it is a positive celebration of diversity and unity celebrated in our city for those who identify as LGBTI and those who don't, as well as acknowledging the work done on improving rights of the LGBTI community by organisations like Stonewall in striving for equality, increasing the community's presence in terms of visibility, continuing to remove any sort of stigma, and acknowledging there is still work to be done across our country, our continent and the world to help those who face discrimination and prejudice."

9.7 By Councillor Mowat – Edinburgh's Multi Storey Blocks

"Council recognises the concerns that residents will have after the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower in London and thanks officers for their immediate work to reassure residents and provide councillors with information about the construction and refurbishment of multi storey blocks in Edinburgh and fire safety and calls for this initial response to be followed up by:

A report detailing:

- 1) the construction method of each block, any subsequent refurbishment with date and details of materials used;
- 2) Fire inspection schedules detailing when each block was last inspected, the type and extent of this inspection;
- 3) Future fire inspection schedules to include:
 - (a) whole block assessments;
 - (b) quarterly reports of the number of flats given individual fire inspections and advice by fire officers;
- 4) Communication plans with tenants and residents associations to ensure that their concerns can be addressed both in the short and long term and that this is clearly understood;
- 5) What process would need to be undertaken to consider the retro fitting of sprinkler systems in blocks constructed prior to 2005;
- 6) How any recommendations coming forward from any investigations into the Grenfell Tower fire will be reported to Committee, communicated to residents and given due consideration as to whether to implement any such recommendations.”

9.8 By Councillor Rust – St Mark’s RC Primary School

“Council congratulates St Mark’s R.C. Primary School, Firrhill on its 50th anniversary, which was recognised with Mass in St. Mark’s R.C. Church, Oxfangs celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Cushley, followed by a reception in the school for families and present and former staff; and recognises the huge contribution the school makes to the local community.”

9.9 By Councillor Laidlaw – Weeds Issues Across the City

“Council recognises that the current surfeit of weeds and overgrown vegetation on our streets, pavements, footpaths and verges is unacceptable, undermines the fabric of the city and has not been properly addressed since the ban of the use of glyphosate and that current arrangements to split weed control between Waste and Cleansing and Parks, Greenspace and Cemeteries are under-resourced and have failed to address the problem and that sporadic use of eight gardeners and one soon to be delivered weed stripper is not sufficient.

Council notes that current arrangements do not meet DEFRA's Best Practice Guidance Notes for Integrated and Non-Chemical Amenity Hard Surface Weed Control which state 'local authorities have a duty of care to the public untreated weeds in block paving may create a trip hazard.' and that weed build up is also covered by the Environmental Protection Act.

Council instructs the Director of Place to take immediate action on the recommendations of the report of the Transport & Environment Committee, 1 November 2016, Item 7.3 'Alternatives to the use of glyphosate based herbicide to control weeds on streets and green spaces be revisited' to be put into action within one cycle, particularly targeted on the worst affected areas, including a particular focus on the world heritage site ahead of the Festival season.

Council asks for a report from the new Transport & Environment Committee to review full integration of weed removal into the Waste and Cleansing function as part of proposed improvements to street cleaning."

Laurence Rockey

Head of Strategy and Insight

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