

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda

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**The City of Edinburgh Council**

**Thursday, 13 March 2008 at 10 am**  
**in the Lothian Chambers, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh**

<p><b>Please note venue</b></p>
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### **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 Youth Issues**

#### **3.1 Youngedinburgh Viewfinder 3 Study – presentation by Ipsos MORI**

**Note:** Councillor Mrs MacLaren, Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee and the Youth Services Advisory Committee, will introduce a presentation from Ipsos MORI and a group of young people

#### **3.2 Young People's Involvement in Youngedinburgh**

**Note:** Following each item there will be a question and answer session with members, young people and Ipsos MORI

### **4 Deputations**

#### **4.1 Council Funding to Third Parties**

- (a) **Water of Leith Conservation Trust** – e-mail dated 22 January 2008 (circulated)
- (b) **Workers' Educational Association** – e-mail dated 26 February 2008 (circulated)

- (c) **Bingham & District 50+ Project** – e-mail dated 4 March 2008  
(circulated)
- (d) **Gorgie/Dalry Partnership** – e-mail dated 5 March 2008  
(circulated)

## 5 Questions

- 5.1 **By Councillor Whyte – Section 75 Agreements** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.2 **By Councillor Whyte – Statutory Repairs Payments** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.3 **By Councillor Henderson – Abolition of Forth Road Bridge Tolls** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 5.4 **By Councillor Munro – Developer Contributions – Western Harbour** – to be answered by the Convener of the Planning Committee
- 5.5 **By Councillor Buchan – Abandoned Cars** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 5.6 **By Councillor Buchan – Pelican Crossing – Colinton Road/ Meggetland** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 5.7 **By Councillor Burns – Best Value Improvement Actions** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.8 **By Councillor Burns – Schools’ Repairs and Maintenance** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.9 **By Councillor Burns – Tynecastle Area Redevelopment** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.10 **By Councillor Burns – Hillwood Primary School and Craigmount High School** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.11 **By Councillor Burns – New/Refurbished School Buildings** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.12 **By Councillor Burns – Vulnerable Children – Expenditure** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

- 5.13 **By Councillor Perry – Capital Projects** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.14 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Single Outcome Agreement and Service Level Agreements with Scottish Government** – to be answered by the Leader of the Council
- 5.15 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Council’s Reserve Funds** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.16 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Aggregate External Finance** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.17 **By Councillor Johnstone – Recycling Facilities in Council Buildings** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.18 **By Councillor Burgess – Zero Carbon Developments** – to be answered by the Convener of the Planning Committee
- 5.19 **By Councillor Blacklock – Recycling Facilities in the City** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

## **6 Minutes**

- 6.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council** of 7 February 2008 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record
- 6.2 **The City of Edinburgh Council** of 21 February 2008 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

## **7 Election Business**

- 7.1 **Appointments to Committees** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)
- 7.2 **Edinburgh International Jazz and Blues Festival – Nominations** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

## **8 Reports from Committees**

- 8.1 **Leader’s Report** (circulated)
- 8.2 **Public Transport and Cycling Issues on Bank Street, North Bank Street and the Mound** – report by the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee (circulated)
- 8.3 **Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan: Progress Report 2007** – report by the Planning Committee (circulated)
- 8.4 **Review of Home Care and Support and Care at Home Services** – report by the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee (circulated)



## 9 New Business

### 9.1 Council Funding to Third Parties:

- (a) **Funding to Third Parties** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)
- (b) **Grants to Third Parties: Performance and Outcomes 2006/2007** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)
- (c) **Grant Aid to Third Parties 2008/2009** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

9.2 **National and Regional Sports Facilities** – report by the Chief Executive (to follow)

9.3 **First Review of Scottish Parliamentary Constituencies** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

9.4 **Revenue Budget 2008-2009: HRA/Non HRA – Increase in Charges** – report by the Director of Finance (circulated)

9.5 **Scottish Futures Trust Public Consultation – Response on Behalf of The City of Edinburgh Council** – report by the Director of Finance (circulated)

9.6 **Schools PPP2: Contract Negotiations** – report by the Director of City Development (to follow)

9.7 **Edinburgh International Conference Centre Limited (EICC) – Requirement for Additional Function Space (AFS)** – joint report by the Directors of City Development and Finance (circulated)

9.8 **Affordable Home Ownership Trust** – report by the Director of Services for Communities (circulated)

9.9 **Controlled Parking Zones – Proposed Timescales/Priorities for Future Possible Extensions** – report by the Director of City Development (circulated)

9.10 **Road Safety, Bus and Pedestrian Priority Scheme, Seafield Roundabout** – report by the Director of City Development (circulated)

9.11 **Annual Treasury Strategy 2008/09** – report by the Director of Finance (circulated)

9.12 **Archery World Cup Final 2010/2011** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

## **10 Reports from Neighbourhood Partnerships**

**10.1 Improving the Cleanliness of the City** – report by the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership (to follow)

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

### **11.1 By Councillor Child – Portobello Community Centre and Library**

“Council calls for a report, within one cycle, from the Chief Executive on the feasibility - in principle - of re-provisioning Portobello Community Centre and Portobello Library together on their current sites, in conjunction with affordable rented housing for elderly people, as suggested to Council officers by the management committee of Portobello Community Centre and its agents.”

### **11.2 By Councillor Chapman – 2008 Edinburgh World Justice Festival**

“This Council:

- 1) Notes that the 2008 Edinburgh World Justice Festival (EWJF) is the third annual festival that aims to raise awareness amongst Edinburgh citizens of the global problems associated with poverty, disease and war;
- 2) Notes that EWJF seeks to continue the legacy of the Make Poverty History campaign, supported by all parties on the Council, by exploring potential solutions to these problems in which individuals and communities can be involved, and bringing together groups and individuals to promote joint working on these issues;
- 3) Notes that participants in the EWJF are required to meet criteria set by EWJF, and that no events in the festival can promote specific religious or political ideologies or advocate the use of violence;
- 4) Agrees that the two week programme organised by EWJF contributes to the life of the city, and facilitates positive education and debate about global justice issues;
- 5) Supports the aims and objectives of the EWJF;
- 6) Agrees to work with EWJF where possible, and instructs the Director of Corporate Services to prepare a report, within two cycles, providing information on how best to support it, including consideration of employing a similar model to the Fair Trade City model.”

### 11.3 By Councillor Balfour – Social Justice Conservative Policies Including Pioneer and Specialism Schools

“Council:

- 1) notes the excellent work undertaken by the Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP and the Centre for Social Justice in their Breakthrough Britain (July 2007) and Breakthrough Glasgow (February 2008) reports;
- 2) notes that these reports describe remedial actions which have proved useful elsewhere in tackling deprivation, crime, drug abuse, poor attainment levels in schools and social breakdown and further notes that some of these actions might help to address similar issues in Edinburgh;
- 3) in particular, notes the proposal for pioneer schools, which is described in Breakthrough Britain as follows:

“Pioneer schools... would be established by groups of parents and alternative providers within the state system and have charitable status allowing them to attract donations from individuals and companies with a commitment to tackling educational disadvantage. Pioneer Schools would offer free education on a non-selective basis within the state system but would not be subject to local authority sanction or control.”  
(p329);
- 4) notes that while pioneer schools would be set up in areas of particular disadvantage, specialism schools could also be set up to focus on particular academic subjects or on vocational training;
- 5) calls on the Director of the Children and Families Department to report to the Council meeting of 21 August on the possibility of using third party funding from individuals or companies to set up pioneer and specialism schools. The report to cover:
  - a) the statutory background;
  - b) the logistics which would be involved in encouraging third parties to set up such schools;
  - c) the overall feasibility and possible timing of such a scheme in Edinburgh.
- 6) further, calls upon the Chief Executive to review both of the Breakthrough documents and report to Council on whether any other remedial measures described in these might be relevant to Edinburgh and if so, to outline a process to implement them to the benefit of residents.”



#### **11.4 By Councillor Whyte – Review of Community and Specialist Transport Schemes**

“Council:

- 1) notes that some Edinburgh residents in social need live in areas which are not currently covered by public transport, and which cannot efficiently be covered by supported bus services currently or in the future;
- 2) instructs the Chief Executive to undertake a review of all of the Council-run and Council-subsidised community and specialist transport schemes, to ensure that any duplication is removed, best value is achieved and the criteria are revised to provide transport to those in social need without current access to public transport, as described above;
- 3) asks the Chief Executive to report on his review to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee (as the lead Committee) and the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee.”

#### **11.5 By Councillor Johnstone – Review of Budget Process**

“That this Council:

Agrees to review the City of Edinburgh Council’s budget process and calls upon the Chief Executive to bring forward a consultation with all political parties, leading to a report, in order to ensure that the process optimises the potential for political and community participation and is efficient in terms of Council resources, taking into account practice from other local authorities.”

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

#### **12.1 By Councillor Godzik – Council Budget Process – for remit to the Finance and Resources Committee**

“That this Council believes that the budget process should be modernised to increase openness and transparency, provide better scrutiny of the budget by all Councillors, and promote wider community input into the decision making process. Requests that the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, prepare a report on this matter.”

**12.2 By Councillor Hinds – Subsidised Bus Routes – for remit to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee**

“Now the budget has been agreed for 2008/9, this Council asks for a report on the effect on the subsidised bus routes which received funding in the 2007/8 budget. This report should consider options to ensure these services are retained. This would include the number 13 route.”

**12.3 By Councillor Hinds – Bus Service to Granton Waterfront – for remit to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee**

“Due to the increasing employment at the Granton Waterfront and the desire to enable employees to regularly use public transport, the Committee asks for a report on the feasibility of providing a bus service from the Park and Ride at Ingliston directly to and from the Waterfront area.”

**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 [REDACTED]; e-mail [carmel.riley@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:carmel.riley@edinburgh.gov.uk).
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