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### **Council decision on tram line to St Andrew Square**

At a special meeting of the Council today, Councillors decided to build the first phase of the city's tram line to St Andrew Square. This reversed a decision taken last week in which Councillors voted for a truncated first phase to Haymarket.

The Council can now confirm to the contractor that we have funding for the project and we can work towards a settlement agreement and a revised programme of works. Full details about the decisions are available in a [press release](#) on the website.

### **Appointment of Alastair Maclean approved by Council**

The Council has today approved Alastair Maclean to be appointed to the post of Director of Corporate Governance. The Council was not due to ratify the appointment until later this month, but an extraordinary meeting held by the Council today meant that the decision could be brought forward.

As [reported by the Chief Executive](#) on Wednesday, Alastair is currently the Head of Legal and Administrative Services and was selected from a number of very strong candidates. We will let you know when Alastair will begin in the post as soon as it has been agreed.

### **Cycling allowance**

Did you know that if you travel on Council business using your bicycle you can claim 25p per mile travelled? For further details see the [walking and cycling pages on the Orb](#).

### **Your views needed:**

#### **- information security – how much do you know?**

To help us assess how much you know about our ICT and information security, all corporate staff (not Learning and Teaching) are asked to take five minutes to answer our [Information Security](#) survey by Friday 16 September. The results of the survey will help identify areas we need to develop for the future. Your answers are confidential and are not attributable to you.

#### **- help us retain our 4\* rating for the Council Website**

We are preparing for the annual review of [our website](#) by SOCITM, the body who reviews all Council websites. We need you to help us by providing feedback on the website from a customer perspective. You would need to be free for half an hour at your desk on either 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, or 14 September when someone from the Web Phase 2 Project Team will observe you completing tasks on the website and take your feedback and ideas for improvement. If you are interested please e-mail [webproject@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:webproject@edinburgh.gov.uk) by Friday 9 September.

#### **- Sustainable Edinburgh 2020**

There is still time to give your views on the Council's vision and framework for a [Sustainable Edinburgh 2020](#). Please give your feedback using our online [questionnaire](#) which is available until 16 September.

### **Recycling Incentive Scheme – rewarding recyclers**

Our new recycling incentive scheme starts on Monday, 5 September to thank recyclers across the city and encourage residents to recycle more. Anyone who takes their recycling to a Paper and Packaging point could win a £10 shopping voucher. Council staff will be ready to reward two recyclers each weekday, at random streets across the city. For further information check out the [Recycling Incentive Scheme](#) page on the website.

### **Scotland Edinburgh Family bike ride**

There is still time to sign up for the Freshno Pedal for Scotland Edinburgh Family bike ride on Sunday 11 September, sponsored by the Council. All staff who sign up for the bike ride are eligible to win a free bike sponsored by Activity and Cycling Scotland. To enter for the ride please register on the [Pedal for Scotland website](#) under the team/company entry and enter team name as CEC.

### **Branching out children's writing talents**

If you have, or know, children of Primary 4 to 7 age here is the perfect way to show their creative talent by encouraging them to write a story or poem, one A4 page in length, about a forest or trees. The competition is run by Edinburgh City Libraries and Eco Schools in Edinburgh and entries can be handed in to your local library by 14 October. More information about the [Green Pencil Award](#) is available on our website.

**Don't forget to check out the:**

- [events section](#) for events happening within the Council and around our City
- [ICT faults and maintenance](#) pages for the latest telephone and computer updates.