

# Notice of meeting and agenda

## City of Edinburgh Council

**10.00 am Thursday, 29th October, 2026**

Main Council Chamber - City Chambers

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## 1. Order of business

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- 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

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- 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

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- 3.1 If any

## 4. Minutes

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Motions by Councillor Miller – Report by the Chief Executive

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| <b>7.3</b> | Council Business Plan Progress 2025/26 - referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee                                      | 119 - 196 |
| <b>7.4</b> | The City of Edinburgh Council – 2025/26 Annual Audit Report-referral from the Finance and Resources Committee                       | 197 - 416 |
| <b>7.5</b> | Budget Strategy and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MFTP) 2026/31 - progress update - referral from the Finance and Resources Committee | 417 - 432 |
| <b>7.6</b> | Month 3 2026-27 Capital Monitoring and 2026-36 Revised Capital Budget - referral from the Finance and Resources Committee           | 433 - 454 |
| <b>7.7</b> | Public Performance Scorecard – Annual Report -referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee                           | 455 - 594 |
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| <b>8.12</b> | By Councillor Day - Capita Administration of Civil Service Pension Scheme Payments | 675 - 676 |
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| <b>8.14</b> | By Councillor Day - Celebrating Newhaven                                           | 679 - 680 |

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| <b>8.15</b> | By Councillor Caldwell - St Margaret's House Closure    | 681 - 682 |
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Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

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extension of ten-year anniversary date and loan - referral from the  
Finance and Resources Committee

**Nick Smith**

Proper Officer

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