

Five things you need to know today

☒ Blue skies today? Maximum of 5 degrees in Edinburgh with sunny intervals, but likely to be freezing overnight.

The Scotland Bill, which may transfer more tax raising powers to Holyrood, gets its [second reading](#) at Westminster today. Meanwhile at Holyrood yesterday the SNP Budget Bill, making cuts of over £1bn, [cleared its first stage](#).

Councillor for Southside and Newington, [Cameron Rose](#), reports that the extension to the Royal Blind School in Craigmillar has been approved this week, and not last month as reported in The Evening News.

Councillor for Fountainbridge and Craiglockhart, [Andrew Burns](#), points out that British Waterways may install lights on the canal all the way from Lochrin Basin to the bypass. Good news for walkers and cyclists!

[The Journal](#) reports that only Edinburgh University will actually receive more in the way of research funding. All other Edinburgh universities will see their research budgets decreased. Issue 42 of The Journal is published and available on campuses now.

And we are adding another new place with [free wifi](#) to our list, Coffee Angel on Brandon Terrace.