

Five things you need to know today

The Council's Transport Infrastructure and Environment Committee are to meet this morning. A couple of notable things on the agenda include the progress update on the Cross Forth Passenger Service, which concludes that both Edinburgh and Fife councils do not take this idea any further at this time. It is estimated that the Council might have to subsidise the proposed service – which might be a hovercraft or ferry – to the extent of around £0.5m. In addition the cost of providing infrastructure could be as much as £6m. The pity is that the marketing exercise conducted by Stagecoach some time ago was well received by commuters, but the market testing exercise conducted by the council last year – to try and find potential operators – was considered a flop. Out of an initial 17 applicants to run the service, the council only thought two might be able to do it.

The death of a man at a house in Chalmers Crescent yesterday is now being investigated as a murder. [The Scotsman reports that the scene was a 'bloodbath'](#).

[The Christian Science Monitor](#) reports that the Edinburgh Business School has bought Adam Smith's house in the Canongate with a view to restoring it.

Edinburgh company Wolfson Microelectronics report this morning that their annual turnover to 2 January 2011 has increased by around 30 per cent. Commenting on the results, Mike Hickey, CEO of [Wolfson Microelectronics](#), said:-“We achieved strong growth momentum in 2010, delivering the second-half step-up in revenue and return to underlying profitability that we promised. We further strengthened our product portfolio, and our Audio Hub architecture is being adopted in the most exciting and fastest-growing consumer electronics products

such as smartphones, tablet PCs, eBook readers and the latest gaming devices. These developments, together with another record breaking year of design-ins, give us confidence that we can achieve further strong revenue growth in 2011 and beyond.” The company also have a rather nice [Facebook](#) page!



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