

# Five things you need to know today

☒ Friends of the Earth have got in on the act to encourage objections to the Leith Biomass Plant. You can access this [here](#).

Award winning [Herald](#) journalist Paul Hutcheon has exposed the spending record of the Water Industry Commission Scotland on chauffeur driven cars and entertaining. Lothians MSP, Shirley-Anne Somerville is quoted in the article condemning the quango's record.

The chef of the recently closed Atrium, Neil Forbes, has been named chef of the year. The story is reported in [The Scotsman](#).

The Council Leader Jenny Dawe said that North Edinburgh News should have known that it was about to come to a bitter end, according to [STV](#). Jenny Dawe has approved the continued expense of [Outlook](#), a council-run newspaper, which has been [criticised](#) in the past as only telling good news stories about the council. The council did not use the opportunity of stopping the newspaper when making budget cuts recently.

Next time you are in the Botanics and think that the squirrels are cute think on. Here is the bill. According to [The Telegraph](#) the annual bill of damage to houses in the UK is £20m...