

Five things you need to know today

☒ If you owe money to The City of Edinburgh Council then you are more likely to end up either in court, or with sheriff officers on your doorstep here in the capital than anywhere else in Britain.

According to [BigBrotherWatch](#) the council enforces more cases of unpaid council tax or parking fines than any other UK council. Big BrotherWatch are a civil liberties group which found out the information through making Freedom of Information requests to all councils.

Only some answered of course so that makes Edinburgh good on two counts....New figures show that court action has been pursued by the council for unpaid council tax and parking fines 287,315 times in the last three years – more than 262 cases every day of the year and more than any of the other 320 UK local authorities that featured in the survey. The number is almost double that in large English cities such as Manchester and Liverpool.

Edinburgh Zoo tell us that they have done some tinkering with their website so you can have a [look here](#) and decide for yourself on the changes. We think it has a fresh look and you can still watch the Penguincam!

[Cameron Rose](#) tells us about some Sick Kids news including the great wee fundraiser Jack Henderson who is drawing pictures for money....nothing new there except he is only 6!

Scottish Oscar-winning actress Tilda Swinton has denied having any official role in the organisation of the Edinburgh Film Festival. Brian Ferguson has the story in [The Scotsman](#).

Squirrel anyone? The Reporter was recently introduced to hare

on the menu at Charlie and Evelyn's Table but the [BBC report](#) that at Spoon cafe they are offering eco-friendly grey squirrel..... Do you think the Botanics would mind if people start catching their own?