

Council plans shock East Edinburgh residents



A group of Edinburgh residents from Willowbrae and Northfield met yesterday to consider the planned privatisation of council services in Edinburgh. They decided at the meeting to invite their local councillors to come and explain the plans and what they might mean for the provision of services in the city.

“I was shocked to hear that the process was already so advanced, and that the council has involved two companies connected to multi-million pound fines for price-rigging,” said one Northfield resident. “There doesn’t seem to have been any consultation with local people about this. Edinburgh is a great place to live, and I want my taxes to go towards keeping it that way, not towards making profits for a big company.

Our councillors should tell us why they are pushing through these plans. They affect all of our services and the thousands of people who deliver them. We don’t think the public should be kept in the dark about all of this. We have to learn from the trams fiasco, not repeat it. The Lib Dems and the SNP said they were against privatisation during the election campaign so why are they doing this now? We have a right to know why they are breaking that promise and hurrying this through without proper consultation.”

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th July at 7pm in the Thistle Room in Meadowbank Sports Centre. Local councillors will be invited to discuss their plans with the community. Anyone who would like more information about the plans and hear what the councillors have to say is invited to attend.