## Five things you need to know today

Tramadrama is back on the agenda this Friday at the City Chambers. Somehow the administration has found a reason to bring the trams back to the table, notwithstanding that this is an extremely rare, perhaps unique, move. It is usual that decisions made at full council are not revisited for 12 months unless there are special circumstances. So the legal team at the council must have been working all weekend to work out why, and how, to bring this back for more consideration by the councillors.

We will be at the meeting on Friday and will bring you a blow by blow account in the form of a Liveblog.

The council's <u>Finance and Resources Committee</u> meets this morning to discuss plans to revamp the style of working among council staff and much more.

The Forest Cafe fights on to stay in its premises on Bristo Place, even though it seemed that all that could have been done had been done. <u>STV Local</u> has the story on the fight by volunteers to retain the community arts centre for the future, perhaps by raising mortgage funding.

A play written by Scottish writer Alasdair Gray was performed at the Book Festival last night to close the proceedings for 2011. AL Kennedy and Ian Rankin were among those who took part according to the <u>Press Association</u>. So all we have now is the official festival and then the fireworks on Sunday evening....

And in the spirit of looking forward, we move to Hogmanay, when we are told that Primal Scream will headline the events in Princes Street Gardens. We are interested to see that the festivities will centre on the gardens again — what about the permanent seating structure at the Castle? Is that not going to be used at all?