Five things you need to know today

The BBC report this morning that they will show a programme later proving the there is some degree of fraudulent behaviour among council employees who implement the council's statutory notice programme. One woman who owns Bonita's cafe in the city had received a bill from the council which was double the original estimate. The programme will be shown tonight at 22.35.

Our photograph today shows traffic in George Street yesterday. The Scotsman reports one business leader who said that it is time to stop moaning about the tram works and get on with it.... What do you think? Is the traffic on George Street and the rest of the city centre at gridlock or is it manageable? The Edinburgh Trams website bas been updated with some latest news about bus diversions.

<u>Stockbridge Sunday Market</u> seems to have got off to a flying start. The organisers say that they were very busy on the first day and that they plan to open on Thursdays soon too.

This weekend is <u>Doors Open Day</u> and <u>The Royal Society of</u> <u>Edinburgh</u> tell us that they are opening their doors for you. Where are you planning to visit?

Tonight <u>Merchiston Community Council</u> meets at 7pm in the Eric Liddell Centre. From the minutes of the last meeting in June one of the main items on the agenda was parking:-

Parking

Ian Doig reported on the CPZ Panel, and reported on CEC liaison on 9 hour parking bay developments in S3 and S4; and potential liaison on under-utilised street parking (and associated revenue generation) by CEC.

There has been no progress on former commitments to change the minimum £3 charge on Harrison Road, Polwarth Terrace and several other sites. CEC has agreed this was not appropriate, however, no information is available on what plans have been made to change this minimum tariff (or when they will emerge).

•Action point: Ian Doig agreed to liaise with councillors to raise again the issue of CPZ 'frontier' streets, and the schedule to meet previous CEC commitments to expand the CPZ into Shandon.