

Five things you need to know today



The City of Edinburgh Council have yet again postponed a difficult decision to the next council meeting at the end of November. Trying to approve the [Alternative Business Model](#) proved an impossible task yesterday.

Police are seeking witnesses to a potentially dangerous incident in the city centre in the early hours of Thursday morning, after a sandbag was thrown from George IV Bridge into the Cowgate .

The sandbag narrowly missed pedestrians when it was thrown from the bridge into the roadway around 00:30am.

The item, which weighed approximately 10kg, had the potential to cause serious injury, and police are appealing for any information that can assist their inquiries.

A police spokesman said: "This was a mindless act of criminal recklessness, the consequences of which could have been very severe, and it is only by good fortune that no-one was seriously injured.

"We want anyone who witnessed the sandbag being thrown from George IV Bridge around half past midnight to contact police immediately. Similarly, anyone else who has any information that can assist our inquiries should also get in touch."

Anyone with any information should contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131, or Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.

There is what promises to be a great Halloween event on

tonight at [The Scottish Book Trust](#) in Trunks Close headlining Richard Jobson (he of The Skids fame) and Edinburgh band The Machine Room. Neu Reekie also features the spoken word with Ron Butlin and will give you an excuse to get dressed up...there is a prize...No tickets needed and all drinks £2.

But there is also rugby at Murrayfield where Edinburgh Rugby host European Champions, Leinster. The home side will be fielding five of the Scottish internationalists back from their unsuccessful trip to New Zealand. Tickets and more information on the [Edinburgh Rugby website](#).

On The Royal Mile tonight from 7.30 p.m there is to be an hour long candlelight vigil for victims of hate crime. [STV Local](#) report that Justice Minister, Kenny Macaskill will speak at the event outside the City Chambers.