

Five things you need to know today

☒ In the news today

Last minute bid to save the hovercraft

Bed tax not possible say Ministers

Banking on Edinburgh for the Green Investment Bank

New Head of Policy and Public Affairs at Council

Silence in the back row!

[Fife Today](#) reports that some local people are trying to persuade Brian Souter of Stagecoach and The City of Edinburgh Council to reconsider his planned hovercraft crossing from Kirkcaldy to Portobello, after The City of Edinburgh Council blew the plans out of the water last week when they turned down the proposal to build a hovercraft terminal on this side of the Forth.

[According to the BBC](#) the bed tax which was approved for investigation last week at a meeting of the council has been deemed illegal by Scottish Tourism Minister, Fergus Ewing.

Ian Murray MP says that Edinburgh is the ideal place for the location of the Green Investment Bank following a letter to him from the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills outlining the criteria that are to be used in making the decision.

Ian said: "It is clear that Edinburgh is the obvious choice for the Green Investment Bank. I have been pressing for this

for many months and the criteria that the Secretary of State will use to chose the location simple screams Edinburgh.”

“We have the specialist and skilled staff to run the organisation, it would be at the heart of the financial services sector in Edinburgh, and the location would give fantastic value for money with an abundance of trained staff. There is also all the wonderful work that is going on in Edinburgh at local companies and the Universities to develop the technology. I can't think of a better location.”

The council has a new head of policy and Public Affairs accruing to the [Media Bulletin](#) at DWPub. Tom Little is leaving his position as Editor of the Edinburgh Evening News to take up the position.

Jonathan Melville writing in [The Edinburgh Evening News](#) suggests that we should prohibit talking in cinemas...He says that the mobile phone ads seem to have worked so why not have 'no talking during the film' ads to remind patrons that they should haud their wheesht while the film is on... What do you think?