

# Five things you need to know today



Occupy Edinburgh to be given their marching orders

Secretary of State for Scotland

Mitie to get council jobs?

Edinburgh Local Plan – comment now before it's too late

Leith Central Community Council meeting

Occupy Edinburgh are to be given their marching orders if the court action to be initiated by Essential Edinburgh in the Court of Session is successful, according to [The Edinburgh Evening News](#).

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Twitter is redundant, if you are Michael Moore Secretary of State for Scotland that is... His [Moore4Borders](#) Twitter account has not been touched since July 2010. The latest publication on the [Scotland Office website](#) is dated March 2011, the last news item on his own personal [website](#) is dated December 2011, but all Scots know that he is in the thick of the debate over the referendum on Scottish independence, so maybe he has been a bit busy. We understand that he is in Edinburgh today chatting about independence...but he has [called for a meeting on Thursday](#) with the First Minister to discuss the referendum.

You can find the text of his speech to Westminster on 10 January [here](#) and this is where you will find the text of the consultation document issued by The Scotland Office called

[Scotland's Constitutional Future Consultation Paper](#). You have until 9 March 2012 to [comment on it](#).

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[Business 7](#) tell us that the council is set to award outsourcing under the Alternative Business Model to MITIE in a bid to cut the overall workforce employed by the council by 10%. Another report on this same matter is in [The Herald](#). This will all be discussed at the [Special Council meeting](#) being held on Thursday, but we are not sure that it is a 'done deal' as some other media commentators think.

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You only have a few more days to comment on the proposed [Edinburgh Local Plan](#) which is out for consultation until 27 January.

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Leith Central Community Council meet tonight at McDonald Road Library. Here is what they will be discussing:-

[LCCC Agenda 16](#)