

Five things you need to know today



Edinburgh Council today – Twitter 24 – Operation Cipher – Doors Open Day 2012 – Anyone for Tennis?

Today the Economic Development Committee of the council meets at 10 in the City Chambers. Councillor Tom Buchanan is the convenor and Councillor Gordon Munro is the vice convenor. It is quite a short agenda and actually a wee bit dry, except for item 11 which recommends that the council appoints a Canal Champion. It was just under a year ago that the council approved the [Canal Strategy](#), and the committee is now invited to appoint someone to take the place of former councillor Tim McKay who looked after canal affairs.

The one thing that is quite encouraging is that the report to the committee about large scale property development in the city shows an increase on 2010 figures.

[The Council in Edinburgh](#) is taking part in a national Twitter Event from 12 noon today. Now don't think that this is not for you if you don't use Twitter. We are going to run an automated Liveblog from noon today which will capture all the tweets from the various council accounts so that you can read them in one place... You will be able to read this [under the TERLive! section](#).

Tonight between 6-7pm the Council Leader (in our photograph today) Andrew Burns will be answering your questions by Twitter. The hashtags are #mycouncil and #edin24.

And tomorrow morning The Reporter is taking part in Twitter 24

by cycling from the Red Bridge at Ferry Road to Leith Library accompanied by Graham Budd from the Council's South West Neighbourhood Office. We will be tweeting from the cycle path on the way! Meanwhile other council officers will be taking the bus....

It was just about four weeks ago that we told you about the initiative in the Calders area of the city involving Lothian and Borders Police as well as Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service as well as other agencies. Chief Inspector Richard Thomas has now written his final blog post on Operation Cipher, but stresses that work continues in the area to establish a residents association. You can read his blog on the [Lothian and Borders Police website](#).

This weekend is Doors Open Day and you can find the properties which are opening theirs in Edinburgh by [looking at the map on the website](#). We do find it a little alarming that Mortonhall Crematorium are opening their doors with what they call "Behind the Scenes Access" Now if this is on your list then we need you to tell us about it when you have finished your visit. Sorry but we are just too scared to go ourselves!

Following Andy Murray's victorious return to Dunblane on Sunday, he has apparently offered his financial support to a tennis academy which may be sited in Cramond, on the site of the former Dunf College which was closed in 2001. [STV have more](#) on this story.