

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



Transport & Environment Committee

Tenants panel

Trick or Treat?

Postcard from Paris

Castlebrae High School Newsletter

Today there is a meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee at the City Chambers. This will be the first time it is broadcast live. We plan to watch it on our screen for a change. What about you?

If you have the time then [you can tune in here.](#)

This morning councillors will decide upon measures across a number of areas, but one in particular is that a petition to the council has demanded traffic lights at Dalmahoy Junction. We reported this story to you some time back. Here is our report:

Edinburgh's Council tenants are being given the chance to influence the way in which housing is managed in the city.

The capital's Tenant's Panel is open to anyone who lives in a Council home and keen for their opinions and ideas to be heard.

It is set to be launched by Housing Leader Councillor Cammy

Day at the Edinburgh Tenant's Conference at the City Chambers last night.

Panel members can choose how much involvement they want to have, for example by taking part in discussions or conferences, community walkabouts, or surveys.

Councillor Day said: "Talking and listening to residents is important to us because it's the best way to find out if our ideas are working or not. We've set up the panel after tenants told us through the tenant's survey last year that they wanted more involvement in making decisions.

"The results of the survey were very encouraging, with 90% of people satisfied with the quality of their home and the service they received, which compares highly with other large UK landlords. We're keen to keep up the good work and to make improvements when needed, which is why the panel is so important.

"I would encourage anyone over the age of 16 who is a Council tenant to join the Edinburgh's Tenant Panel – we are very interested in hearing what you have to say about how we manage Council housing in the city."

Betty Stevenson, Convener of the Edinburgh Tenant's Federation, said: "The Tenants' Panel is a new way for you to have your say on housing services. I would encourage tenants to sign up and make their views known to the Council.

"It is very important that our views are heard and taken in to account. You could also set up or join a local tenants' group or become involved with the Edinburgh Tenants' Federation. Every view helps to make a better housing service."

Police Scotland have posters available for residents to place in their windows during the Halloween period. There are two

posters available, one for residents who are happy to have children 'Trick or Treat' them and another for residents who don't want 'Trick or Treaters'. These will be available from the Public Counter at St. Leonards Police Station or you can print them from the attached documents.



The **Edinburgh Quartet** launches its 2014/15 [Queen's Hall](#) season on **Monday 17 November** at 7.30pm.

The opening concert, entitled *Postcard from Paris* is a programme inspired by the evolution of Paris as a city of music. It features **Haydn's** Quartet Op 54 No 2 (published in Paris in 1789) and **Debussy's** String Quartet Op 10 – a real favourite of the string quartet repertoire. After the interval the Quartet will be joined by guest pianist [Simon Callaghan](#) for the exciting Piano Quintet by César **Franck** – a Belgian composer who lived and worked in Paris.

Tristan Gurney, Leader of the Edinburgh Quartet said:

“We are very much looking forward to returning to the Queen's Hall and are delighted that Simon Callaghan will join us on piano for the Franck Quintet – a very special work, not to be missed!”

The remaining two concerts of the Queen's Hall series will take place on Wednesdays 18 March and 27 May with programmes entitled *The First World War* and *Youth* respectively.

Tickets £15; Concessions £12; Students £5; Children Free, available from the Queen's Hall Box Office tel. 0131 668 2019, www.thequeenshall.net and at the door

View full Edinburgh brochure [here](#).

The Edinburgh Quartet Queen's Hall Series is supported by the National Lottery through Creative Scotland.

Castle brae Community High School came back from the brink last year when it was threatened with closure. Now the school and the students there are very keen that everyone knows what they are up to! This is their latest newsletter:

<http://www.theedinburghreporter.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Castlebrae-Newsletter.pdf>