

# Five things you need to know today



**Council meeting today**

**At Parliament today**

**Kilomathon**

**Edinburgh Yarn Festival**

**Birthday parties on a Frozen theme**

The full council meets this morning at 10.00am. You can follow our live coverage on Twitter and perhaps watch online at the same time. The council's webcast service is [here](#).

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Today at General Questions in the Scottish Parliament some of the Edinburgh MSPs have lodged a range of questions on a variety of subjects:

**4. Alison Johnstone:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with representatives of the European Commission. (S40-04097)

**9. Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government which contractors named by the Scottish Information Commissioner as having used the services of The Consulting Association have been awarded public contracts since 20 November 2013. (S40-04112)

**7. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on how long patients with type 1 diabetes should have to wait for access to an insulin pump. (S40-04120)

**8. Gavin Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Spring Budget Revision. (S40-04121)

In addition to lodging questions MSPs can also lodge motions which bring particular matters to the attention of the parliament. This one is from Edinburgh West MSP Colin Keir:

**\*S4M-12530 Colin Keir: Congratulations to North West Carers Centre**—That the Parliament congratulates North West Carers Centre on receiving a £4,000 grant from Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland; understands that this grant will enable the charity to support some of the most vulnerable people in the Edinburgh Western parliamentary constituency and across the city; considers that the fund is a lifeline for local charities in this tough financial climate, and believes that the charity will continue providing the highest quality advice and support to carers of all ages in the community so that stress and isolation is reduced and carers are able to maintain their caring role.

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Macmillan Cancer Support is urging people to look out their trainers and sign up to support them at the Kilomathon on 29 March.

Participants can take on 13.1k or 6.5k making it the perfect race distance for those progressing from a 5k or 10k and the 2.62k junior race is a great opportunity for junior runners to participate in a fully chip timed race.

The route is picturesque and traffic free along Edinburgh's scenic cycle routes and finishes with a bang at Murrayfield Stadium.

Fundraising Manager for Edinburgh, Jayne Forbes, said: "Running is a fantastic way to support Macmillan and the Kilomathon has a race distance to suit everyone."

“Knowing that every mile you cover is raising money for people affected by cancer will give you real motivation to keep going with your fitness programme.”

“Whether you’re taking part for the first time or are a seasoned runner, we’ll be with you every step of the way.”

“We provide comprehensive training, nutrition and kit advice, as well as very simple ideas to raise money.”

All the money raised from the run will be used to fund Macmillan’s vital cancer services, from specialist nurses and doctors, to help and advice for people who have financial problems as a result of their cancer.

For more information on taking on a run for Macmillan please contact [fundraising@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@macmillan.org.uk) or 0300 1000 200. Please see all the running events at [www.macmillan.org.uk/running](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/running)



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Children are invited to meet and greet Elsa and Olaf from Frozen, sing and dance to all of the Frozen songs and sit down at frosty tables filled with delicious cakes and treats in true Frozen themed tea party style – and all funds raised on the day will go to children’s charity Barnardo’s Scotland.

The Frozen events take place on 29 March at the Holiday Inn, Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh at 12pm, 2pm, and 4pm. Tickets are £12 with 60% of ticket sales going to Barnardo’s Scotland.

Other attractions include a candy cart, candy floss, nail bar and glitter tattoos. For more information or to book tickets go to [www.events2you.co.uk](http://www.events2you.co.uk)

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