

Five things you need to know today



Murrayfield Community Council meets tonight

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee to discuss Edinburgh People Survey

Creative Electric

Saughton Park – have your say!

Inspiring Young Women Event at Holyrood

Murrayfield Community Council meets this evening at 2b Ormidale Terrace which is the Murrayfield Parish Church Centre.

This is the agenda they will discuss.



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The council's Corporate Policy and Strategy committee will meet later this morning. One of the longer reports they will consider is the Edinburgh People Survey. This survey of over 5,000 residents allows the council to determine their priorities for the year ahead, and now that it has been carried out for 8 years it is beginning to show trends which are useful when setting out future strategies for the council. This is the biggest survey of its type carried out in the UK.

Even though the capital has recently been voted one of the top five safest cities in the UK it has experienced an upward trend when it comes to housebreaking. The city's reported housebreakings are double the national average according to statistics issued this last year by Police Scotland. The Edinburgh Police Division have set housebreaking and car crime as their priority areas for action.

In January Police Scotland launched Operation Quarterlight which is an initiative designed to tackle car crime, and we are told that they will issue an update on how that is progressing quite soon.

Fewer people say they are happy with Edinburgh as a place to live than they have been before. In fact the answers to the survey show that the satisfaction rate is the lowest for five years. But there are some good signs.

People say they feel safer in the city after dark and there has been an improvement in how residents feel about alcohol related crime. 70% of those who responded to the face to face survey feel that this is being managed better and that it is not a problem in their area.

Areas where residents feel the city could do better include dealing with dog fouling, managing vandalism and graffiti and

managing violent crime.



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You still have your say on the council's plans for Saughton Park before 6 April 2015. The Council explain what they are trying to do on their website:

The Council has started a project to restore and improve the much loved Saughton Park. Work started in 2012 to ask park users and local residents how they use the park, and what their concerns and aspirations are. This information was used to develop initial proposals for the restoration of this historically important park.

In February 2013, the Council made a 1st round bid to the

Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Parks for People grant programme. In 2013, it was announced that the bid had been successful. The HLF awarded £392,000 to help develop plans to apply for a full grant to carry out the restoration works at a later date. Landscape Architects [Ironsides Farrar\(external link\)](#) and Architects [Sutherland Hussey](#) and [Richard Shorter](#) have been appointed to help develop the designs. [Community First Partnership](#) and [Jura Consultants](#) are helping us to develop an exciting programme of events and activities to help increase the number of and diversity of people who visit the park along with volunteering and learning opportunities.

To have your say [Click here](#)

Yesterday there was an event hosted by the Presiding Officer Tricia Marwick MSP at Holyrood when she invited teenage schoolgirls from all over Scotland to participate in a day of workshops and discussions in the Scottish Parliament.

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