

Five things you need to know today!



Health, Social Care & Housing Committee

Celtic Renewables

Food Hygiene Course

Ceilidh tonight!

Edinburgh charity extends its services

The council's Health Social Care & Housing Committee will meet later under the convenership of Councillor Ricky Henderson. One of the key consultations at present is that on the strategy for the Integrated Joint Board linking health and social care together. The council is therefore extending certain contracts for six months only until the end of the consultation period at the end of October and the approval of a strategy which is expected later this year.

The main advantage of integrated working will be financial savings to the council and the NHS, but since the council has effectively overspent on its budget in these areas, it is crucial that further savings are made wherever possible. Grants payable to third parties for this current financial year have been reduced by 3.3% which amounts to £1.5m, and plans are being made to reduce larger grants over £10,000 in the next two years by 10%.

The committee admits in its [papers to be considered this morning](#) that some of these reductions will have 'significant implications' for some of the organisations who usually get the grants paid to them. They undertake to try and reduce the impact by providing as much advance notice as possible.

The meeting can be viewed on the council's [webcast service](#) from 10am.

More good news was announced yesterday for the biofuel company which is a spin-off from Edinburgh Napier University. Celtic Renewables have been awarded £11m in a grant from the Department for Transport after winning a competition. This will allow them to build a plant to make biofuel from whisky residue.

[Read more here.](#)

Canongate Youth is running a REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene course over 2 mornings (9.30-12.30) on 17 and 24 September.

This will cover; basic bacteria, food poisoning, personal hygiene, working environment, cleaning practices, pest control and basic legislation. The course leads to a REHIS certificate which is valid for 3 years. This qualification is particularly useful for young people who are working or would like to work in the catering/food preparation industry.

The cost of the course is £35. Please contact me on debbie@canongateyouth.org.uk if you require further information or would like to book a space.

We are delighted to say that the Edinburgh Ceilidh club at Summerhall returns this Tuesday after our Summer break with ceilidhs every Tuesday evening right through till Dec. Tickets for all our Tuesday ceilidhs for this season are now available online or in person from the Summerhall box office.

Starting us off this Tuesday we have the ceilidh club @ Summerhall with the Jimi Shandrix experience. Tickets are £6

from www.edinburghceilidhclub.com/tickets or from the box office. Doors open at 8pm with everything kicking off very shortly after that.

Edinburgh Charity Care & Repair Edinburgh helps older people and those with disabilities to live independently and safely in their own homes. They offer a range of free services from small repairs to home improvements. They employ 11 paid staff and 22 volunteers and now they are extending their service to encompass gas inspections and repair work for those who are entitled to free help.

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