

Five things you need to know today



Council Meeting

Merchant Company

Are you a candidate at the upcoming Scottish Parliamentary Elections?

City of Literature projections

The 80s are back!

Today's council meeting will begin at 10am under the stern gaze of the Lord Provost, the Rt Hon Donald Wilson.

You are reminded that he is running in the London Marathon later this year, and that you can support him by donating [here](#). The Lord Provost is raising funds for the [One City Trust](#). He explained: "The One City Trust, of which I am President, fights against inequality and exclusion in Edinburgh. I am passionate about the need for all the citizens of this great and affluent City to be included in its success and opportunities and I hope I can raise a significant amount."

Today's meeting will include ratification of the new Depute Council Leader, Councillor Frank Ross who was elected as SNP Group Leader on Tuesday evening. [Read more here.](#)

The Council papers for the meeting are [here](#) where, for some of you, the most important motion is this one from Councillor Munro:

By Councillor Munro – Hibernian Football Club – Scottish

League Cup Final

"Council congratulates all at Hibernian Football Club on achieving a place in this year's Scottish League Cup final.

Council instructs officers to work with the club to ensure that Edinburgh can fully support them on cup final day, Sunday 13th March."



Members of Edinburgh's business community gathered this week to hear the highlights, insights and lessons learned from a successful Scottish businesswoman with a distinguished career which has ranged across many leading Scottish firms and organisations.

Linda Urquhart, Chairman of leading law firm Morton Fraser, was the guest speaker at a business breakfast at The Merchant Company whose 500 plus members represent 43 different professions in the Capital.

The event was held at The Merchants' Hall in Hanover Street and guests heard Linda give an overall view of her career highlights which included ten years as Chief Executive at Morton Fraser before taking up her present role as Chairman. She is a former solicitor and partner in the firm and is now a non-practising member of the Law Society of Scotland.

A former Chairman of CBI Scotland, Linda is a board member of CBI and Scottish Enterprise, Chairman of Investors in People Scotland, co-chair of the Scottish Government's Fair Work Convention, a non-executive director of Adam & Company (the Scottish private bank) and Edinburgh Airport Limited, and a member of the Edinburgh Business Forum. Linda is also a Trustee of Marie Curie and of the Royal Scottish Academy Foundation, and an Ambassador for Girlguiding UK.

Linda received an OBE for services to business in Scotland in the New Year Honours List 2012.

Julie Grieve, Member of The Merchant Company Membership Committee, said:

“It was fascinating to hear Linda’s insights on her career and highlight the importance of building and maintaining strong relationships with clients and the business and the wider community.”



If you are standing in the forthcoming Scottish Parliamentary Elections for any seat in Edinburgh or Lothian then get in touch with us.

We aim to interview all of the candidates for Edinburgh and Lothian between now and the election itself and shall be publishing interviews as and when we get them after the Scottish Parliament dissolves on 23 March.

If you are a candidate for any party whatsoever then we need to hear from you!

Email editor@theedinburghreporter.co.uk to book your election interview now!

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We went to Constitution Street the other evening to catch sight of the City of Literature projections on the Royal Bank of Scotland building opposite Creative Exchange. The Leith Poetry Projections are part of a worldwide range of poetry

from all the eleven cities of literature being exhibited from 3-13 March.

Sadly, someone had not checked the projector, as it was a bit skew-wiff!

We got some photos, but if you have better images then do share them with us on Twitter by emailing us at editor@theedinburghreporter.co.uk

Edinburgh was UNESCO's first City of Literature in 2004. This is meant to recognise a city with a great literary past and the literary projects of today.



The 80s are back!

Tony Denton Promotions bring together four of the decade's most memorable artists to tour together for the first time ever.

The 80s Invasion tour features the cream of music from the some of the most popular artists – Big Country, Midge Ure, Nick Heyward & Curiosity Killed The Cat, who will be touring throughout March 2016.

The acts will perform their biggest hits – its all killers and no fillers – with record sales of over 20 million, 200 gold, platinum & silver discs and numerous awards between them this is THE 80's show not to be missed!

The tour takes in 15 dates culminating at Edinburgh's The Playhouse Theatre on 20th March.

Book your tickets
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