Five things you need to know today

- **Full council meeting**
- **Liberton High School pupils raise funds for local food bank**
- **St Columba's Hospice Summer to Remember campaign**
- **Three lifelong friends graduate from Edinburgh Napier University**
- **Gordon's Blooming Big Tea Party tomorrow**

Today will be the first regular council meeting since the council elections on 4 May 2017, and the last before the summer recess.

From the [council papers](#) it seems that the new councillors are determined to make a mark with many questions from them for answer by the newly appointed conveners.

Topics covered include congestion at Kirkliston Crossroads, a traffic study at Lauriston Farm Road, waste collection in the city, repairs to Water of Leith Walkway, Burnshot Bridge, Edinburgh Airport flight paths, review of janitorial services, pavement slurry works, waste collection, Meadows Festival parking, Redford Barracks and planning applications.

There is a long agenda facing all 63 councillors, part of which is the list of actions that the Chief Executive Andrew Kerr had to take while there was no council formed. This includes the appointment of a contractor to landscape Saughton Park which is a contract worth just over £4 million.

You can follow us on [Twitter](#) for updates during the meeting.

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Liberton High School pupils will be delivering food parcels to South East Foodbank later today.

Pupils raised £270 from various events to buy the food from businesses the S2 pupils set up to raise money for the local Foodbank. Businesses included a bakery, a car wash, nail salon, florist and tuck shop.

The pupils all had to apply for a business loan of £1 each, set up a partnership and produce a business plan. In addition to this they all needed to 'meet the bank manager' their teacher Miss Mathie to get their loans approved.

Pupils will be heading to Morrisons supermarket to collect the food and then drop it off at the Foodbank.

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Our main photo is there to remind you that St Columba's Hospice have launched their Summer to Remember fundraising campaign this week which will end up with cake and bunting in Lomond Park on 20 August 2017 between 1 and 3pm.

They explain what it is all about here : "Please support our new appeal by [making a donation](#). When you make a donation, you can complete a piece of bunting, with the name of your loved one and a special memory. We will then display all the bunting at a special event in August, details below.

"When you make a [donation online](#), you can chose to have a piece of bunting posted to you for you to complete and return to us. Or you can chose to type in the name of your loved one and your special memory and we will complete the bunting for you."

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Three close friends yesterday completed an academic journey by

celebrating their graduation after being in the same class at school, college and university.

Szymon Fiuk, 23,Stefan Przybylowicz 22 and Marcin Augustyn, 21, sat on the same bench for more than five years for lessons at Edinburgh's St Augustine's High School.

They were stunned to find, on their first day at Edinburgh College, that they were in the same HND Interactive Media class.

The inseparable trio completed a BSc (Hons) in web design and development at the School of Computing at Edinburgh Napier University.

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Gordon Macdonald MSP is to hold a Marie Curie tea party as part of the "Great Blooming Tea Party" campaign.

The event will be held at his constituency office tomorrow Friday 30 June 2017.

Gordon said : "The idea of Marie Curie's campaign is that we can host a simple event with cups of tea and a slices of cake in order to raise funds. The money raised from these events will pay towards supporting Marie Curie Nurses and the care they provide for people with terminal illnesses.

"Marie Curie provide a vital service to those in need and I would encourage people to host their own tea party".

Marie Curie provide fundraising packs for anyone wishing throw a tea party.

You can apply here: https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty/about