

Five things you need to know today

To help keep you up to date with at least some of the news here are our five topics specially chosen for you :

Weather

The Met Office warn of snow in the Borders and Storm Dennis which is on its way this weekend. The forecast for Edinburgh is rain early...then remaining cloudy with showers in the afternoon. Cold. High around 5C. Winds NE at 15 to 30 km/h. Chance of rain 100%. Rainfall around 6mm.

Heavy, thundery [#rain](#) pushed northeastwards overnight with [#snow](#) for parts of northern England and southern Scotland.

In northern Scotland it's been very [#cold](#), with a low of -10.2 °C at Braemar, making it the coldest night of the year so far. pic.twitter.com/fBDkhGPnpY

– Met Office (@metoffice) [February 13, 2020](#)

Budget

The council is about to debate their budget plans from tomorrow Friday. Councillor Alasdair Rankin is the administration Finance Convener, a position he has held almost since he was first elected as a councillor. [Here](#) he writes about the challenges of setting what is called a 'balanced budget'.

He writes : “We want to see everyone benefit from the city’s economic success. Now, some 80,000 residents, including one in four children, are living in poverty and we know that the life expectancy in our wealthiest areas is far ahead of that in the poorest parts of the city. This cannot be right. So, we are aiming to protect those services which support the most vulnerable in our city, and the well-being of all residents, to the best of our ability.”

Watch the budget debate tomorrow by the Finance and Resources Committee [online](#) – or go to the City Chambers and watch live. Members of the public are entitled to attend all council meetings.

Hearts

Hearts fell 5-0 at Celtic Park last night. Mike Smith has all the details [here](#).

A Boards

A motion has been lodged at Holyrood congratulating The City of Edinburgh Council for taking the decision to permanently ban A boards. One of the exceptions which has been spoken of a lot is that A boards are allowed outside polling stations.



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Stuart McMillan MSP for Greenock and Inverclyde lodged the motion at The Scottish Parliament congratulating the council : “That the Parliament commends the City of Edinburgh Council’s decision to implement a permanent on-street advertising ban, which it considers creates clearer and easier to navigate streets for a range of pedestrians, including wheelchair users, people with prams and blind and partially sighted people; notes what it sees as the successes of the council’s one-year on-street advertising ban trial, and supports RNIB

Scotland in encouraging other local authorities to consider a one-year trial ban in order to create a more welcoming street environment for residents, visitors and tourists.”

Volunteers needed

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– Edinburgh Police (@EdinburghPolice) [February 13, 2020](#)
