

Arrangements in the city over the next few days

Road closures in place for the arrival of the Queen's coffin in the capital and procession up the Royal Mile to Giles Cathedral will impact waste collection in the Old Town.

Elizabeth II, Britain's longest-serving monarch, passed away aged 96 at Balmoral on Thursday.

Council leader Cammy Day said there will be "significant disruption across the city" as preparations get underway to accommodate thousands of mourners expected to turn out.

"We're working closely with our partners to manage this as best we can and to keep residents, businesses and visitors updated on all plans," Cllr Day added.

The local authority has confirmed all communal bins in the Old Town will be collected overnight whilst roads are closed-off. It said there could also be "some delays to collections in other parts of the city".

In addition, street litter bins have been removed from the length of the Royal Mile and people are being urged to take litter home or use the next nearest bin.

Meanwhile, street cleaning crews will continue work on the High Street and closes.

The council has released a list of roads around the city centre that have now been closed in preparation for the Queen's arrival in the capital.

Although not expected to arrive until Sunday, a series of routes around Holyrood and the High Street have been shut off, with the council warning of further closures in the coming days.

All closures announced so far are as follows:

- Carrington Road at Crewe Road South
- Carrington Road at East Fettes Avenue
- Fettes Avenue
- Queens Drive – east of the roundabout (Holyrood Gait entrance)
- Holyrood Park entrance at Meadowbank Terrace
- East Market Street at Junction with Jeffrey Street
- New Street South of Entrance to Waverley Car Park
- Old Tollboth Wynd
- Calton Road at Abbeyhill Crescent
- Abbeyhill at Abbeyhill Crescent
- Abbeyhill at abbey Lane
- Abbey Mount at Regent Road
- Canongate at St Mary Street / Jeffrey Street
- Calton Road at Leith Street
- High Street at George IV / The Mound
- High Street at Cockburn Street
- St Giles Street at North Bank Street

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