

Five things you need to know today

Governance Risk & Best Value Committee meets today

The committee which is convened by an opposition party councillor, SNP councillor Kate Campbell, and which is responsible for oversight of the council's actions, meets today.

One of the reports referred to the committee for noting is from the Culture and Communities Committee and relates the financial position of Edinburgh Leisure which is an arms length external organisation. The council supported the organisation (which is also a charity) with £7.013 million in in 2021/22, when Edinburgh Leisure was beginning to pick itself up after the pandemic.

Another [report](#) confirms the position of the council's Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs) which make up Edinburgh Living. This arrangement began in 2018 when the council set up two new LLPs which would one and manage homes to rent to people on low to moderate income. This states that Edinburgh Living is having a "positive impact" on tackling housing needs with the provision of new affordable homes in Edinburgh.

An interesting anecdote in the papers is that Lowther Homes were appointed to manage the tenancies. Despite making "significant administrative errors" relating to the handling of tenants' deposits, the company appears to still be working for the council. It should be said that tenants money was "not at risk at any time".

You can read all the papers or link to the live or recorded

webcast [here](#).

Cancel culture

Read our story here about Joanna Cherry KC, MP who represents Edinburgh South West. After being invited to take part in a Fringe event this August with The Stand Comedy Club at the New Town Theatre, her booking has been cancelled – and it seems to be The Stand who have cancelled the booking.

This is what they said.

STATEMENT REGARDING JOANNA CHERRY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE STAND'S EDINBURGH FRINGE PROGRAMME

Further to our previous policy statement on this matter, following extensive discussions with our staff it has become clear that a number of The Stand's key operational staff, including venue management and box office personnel, are unwilling to work on this event.

As we have previously stated, we will ensure that their views are respected. We will not compel our staff to work on this event and so have concluded that the event is unable to proceed on a properly staffed, safe and legally compliant basis.

We advised the show producers, Fair Pley Productions, of this operational issue and they advised Joanna Cherry that it is no longer possible to host the event in our venue.

THE STAND COMEDY CLUB
1/5/23



[Read our story here.](#)

Have your say on Leith parks

Click on the image below to have your say on what might happen to the parks in Leith – and there is an in-person event on Thursday at Duncan Place.



Have your say on plans for parks in Leith



We are holding events to look at six parks across Leith as part of the Edinburgh Nature Network:



- Tolbooth Wynd
- Mill Lane Park
- Taylor Gardens
- Keddie Gardens
- North Junction Street Park
- Dalmeny Street Park



Details of events

IN-PERSON

Thursday 4 May
6pm – 7.30pm
Duncan Place, EH6 8HW

ONLINE

Tuesday 9 May
6pm – 7.30pm
Joining link will be sent to registered attendees

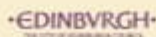


Come and talk with us about how we can make the parks better for people and nature.

Booking is essential:
Email thrivinggreenspaces@edinburgh.gov.uk to book your place



Learn more at www.thrivinggreenspaces.scot



Pond hoppers

United has also added a second daily flight from New York/Newark Liberty to Edinburgh Airport from 25 May to 27

October. There is already a daily year-round flight to the Big Apple from the capital.



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