

# Five things you need to know today

## This week at the council

**Monday, 13 May, 2024**

- [10.00 am Regulatory Committee](#) – Dean of Guild Court Room – City Chambers
- [11.00 am Licensing Sub-Committee](#) – Dean of Guild Court Room – City Chambers

**Tuesday, 14 May, 2024**

- [10.00 am Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee](#) – Dean of Guild Court Room – City Chambers

**Wednesday, 15 May, 2024**

- [10.00 am Development Management Sub-Committee](#) – Dean of Guild Court Room – City Chambers
- [6.00 pm Consultative Committee with Parents](#) – Virtual Meeting – via Microsoft Teams

**Thursday, 16 May, 2024**

- [10.00 am Culture and Communities Committee](#) – Dean of Guild Court Room – City Chambers

The Culture & Communities Committee will hear about council plans to use the Ross Bandstand.

In brief, the plans are that it will be left for the Director

of Place – Paul Lawrence who is about to take over as new Council Chief Executive – to negotiate any programme for August 2024 under delegated powers.

There is also a draft programme – which arises from the council deciding that there would only be certain major events held in Princes Street Gardens – including the Edinburgh International Festival which is not going to use its slot this year or next year.

Council officers regard this as an opportunity to allow the gardens to be “animated sensitively and flexibly during the summer”.

[Read more here.](#)

## Edinburgh Tartan Parade 2025



The Edinburgh Tartan Parade was launched at the weekend by the Depute Lord Provost, Cllr Lezley Marion Cameron (photographed centre above).

The event will take place next year on 10 May which is World Fair Trade Day. This is no coincidence as the main organiser of the parade is Tania Pramschufer who devised the World Fair Trade Tartan – which you can see various people wearing above – including the piper to the Lord Provost, Louise Marshall.

Anyone may now register to take part (that part is free).

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/edinburgh-tartan-parade-tickets-892929465067?aff=oddtcreator>

## Edinburgh Festival of Cycling

[Edinburgh Festival of Cycling](#) (EDFOC) will take place from 31 May to 9 June 2024. EdFoC aims to challenge people's perception of what cycling is and to put Edinburgh on the map as an international cycling destination.

One of the events is the Bikes for Refugees (Scotland) BIG Charity Auction. The charity provides new Scots refugees and asylum seekers with mobility and freedom of movement with free bikes. The charity says: "Bikes empower individuals and families to explore their new communities, connect with services, boost their physical and mental health, and to meet new people."

The auction [goes live on 31 May](#) and closes at midnight when EdFoC does on 9 June.

AND if you have anything which could be an auction prize then get in touch with Tom before 31 May. [bfrscotland@gmail.com](mailto:bfrscotland@gmail.com)

The organisation also has an Urban Arrow Family cargo bike which is available for hire. [Find out about hiring it here.](#)



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*– George Heriot's (@George\_Heriotics) [May 9, 2024](#)*

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By **GEORGE MAIR AND PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

**HIS SELFLESS ACTS OF GENEROSITY** raised more than £1 million for charities, and the late Tom Gilzean, MBE, was much loved

and well-known in the capital.

Now, an Our Willie-themed statue, in the image of the late Scots war veteran and charity fundraiser, has been unveiled on the spot where he used to break for lunch during his

long days spent in the city centre collecting cash for charities. The life size sculpture, a replica of one auctioned during an 2019 fundraiser, is now in place outside Gordon's Trattoria on The Royal Mile which was his

regular lunch spot. For more than 20 years Tom could be seen rattling his collecting tin, wearing his trademark tartan trews and medals in the city centre.

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