

Five things you need to know today

Spurtle Hustings on Monday night

The Spurtle hustings will take place on 24 June, from 7.30pm–9.30pm, at Broughton St Mary's Parish Church on Bellevue Crescent. Entry is free but Spurtle would appreciate cash donations afterwards to help them cover the cost of the event. You possibly still have time to email a question for answer by the Edinburgh North and Leith candidates in attendance. spurtle@hotmail.co.uk

This week at the council

Monday, 24 June, 2024

- [9.30 am Licensing Board](#) – Dean of Guild Court Room – City Chambers
- [10.00 am Lothian Valuation Joint Board](#) – Main Council Chamber – City Chambers
- [2.00 pm Pensions Audit Sub-Committee](#) – Lothian Pension Fund, – 4th Floor, 9 Haymarket Square, Edinburgh, EH3 8RY

Tuesday, 25 June, 2024

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

Wednesday, 26 June, 2024

- [10.00 am – 3.00 pm Planning Committee](#) – Dean of Guild

Court Room – City Chambers

- [2.00 pm Pensions Committee](#) – Lothian Pension Fund, – 4th Floor, 9 Haymarket Square, Edinburgh, EH3 8RY

Thursday, 27 June, 2024

- [10.00 am – 10.05 am Special, City of Edinburgh Council](#) – Main Council Chamber – City Chambers
- [10.05 am – 5.00 pm City of Edinburgh Council](#) – Main Council Chamber – City Chambers

Cllr Ross Mackenzie has raised the issue of Westfield Court on Gorgie Road. This is a council-owned housing development where energy prices have soared following the lifting of the price cap by the UK Government.

Conservatives launch their Scottish manifesto

Today it is the turn of the Scottish Conservatives who will launch their manifesto in the run up to the General Election on 4 July. The party has advised that one of their key pledges will be upgrading Scotland's rural trunk road network.

Improvements to key routes – including the A9, A96, A90, A75, A83 and A1 – will be listed as one of five “top priorities for Scotland” in the party's document – which may not have much effect on people living here in the capital, except for the A1.

Watch out for more news about the launch in central Edinburgh today with a VIP guest.

Half-price Tattoo tickets

Half-price tickets for the 2024 Preview Night of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo will go on sale on Monday. As the final dress rehearsal, this special performance allows the world press access to the Edinburgh Castle Esplanade to capture imagery and footage for global news, and members of the public are invited along to see the show before anyone else.

The 2024 Preview Night takes place at 9.30pm, Thursday 1 August 2024 on the Edinburgh Castle Esplanade. From 10:00am on Monday 24 June tickets will be available for purchase [here](#) or by phoning 0131 225 1188. The Tattoo office phone lines are open Monday – Friday 10am – 4.30pm.



The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

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Trams are 10

By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

IT IS NOW TEN YEARS since Edinburgh Trams began running the passenger service

from Edinburgh Airport to York Place. Actually on the first day the service began at the Gyle Stop with many people trying to be the first passengers to get on board.

Edinburgh Trams have now carried more than 60 million passengers in the last decade on a fleet of 27 trams and employ around 300 people in Edinburgh. Except during Covid

tram income has risen year on year. In 2014 the half year income was £4.782 million and this rose to £23.9 million in 2023.

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