

Gold Coast confirmed for hockey squads



Derek Forsyth with the squad.

Picture Nigel Duncan Media

Team Scotland has been officially confirmed in both the women's and men's competitions at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

And Scotland will go head-to-head with the top nations from across the Commonwealth next April.

Teams have been divided into two pools of five based on their FIH World Rankings and drawn in a snaking pattern from the top-seeded nation down to the 10th-seeded nation in order to evenly spread competing nations across both pools.

Scotland's men are drawn in Pool A, alongside Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa, while the women are in Pool B with Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Ghana. Both teams will be looking to build on eighth and sixth place finishes at Glasgow 2014 respectively.

The men and the women will each get their campaigns underway on the first day of the Games (5th April). Indeed the competition will be fierce right from the outset, when both teams are drawn to meet higher ranked opposition in their opening matches, as the women take on New Zealand and the men face South Africa.

The Scotland women's squad clocked up a victory against Ghana back in February in World League 2 in Valencia. The Scots are set for a warm weather camp in Gran Canaria as they prepare for the Gold Coast.

The Scotland men's squad have had a good year where they won men's EuroHockey Championship II, competed in the World League Semi-Finals, and were nominated for Team of the Year in next week's Sunday Mail sportscotland Scottish Sports Awards.

Each team will play every other team within their pool during the preliminary round matches from April 5-11 before the top two teams in each pool advance to the semi-final and medal matches from April 12-14.

The pools for both men's and women's competitions are listed below:

MEN'S HOCKEY COMPETITION

Pool A

Pool B

Australia India

New Zealand England

Canada Malaysia

South Africa Pakistan

Scotland Wales

WOMEN'S HOCKEY COMPETITION

Pool A Pool B

England Australia

India New Zealand

South Africa Scotland

Malaysia Canada

Wales Ghana

Scotland women's Head Coach Gordon Shepherd said: "What an amazing group of games and what a massive challenge – I don't think it could have been a harder draw.

"New Zealand are in great form at present after finishing second in the World League Finals. Playing Australia in Australia will have a great atmosphere and they are a top team. Canada are always a difficult side to play and Ghana are

ever improving.”

Scotland men’s Head Coach Derek Forsyth said: “This is an exciting pool for the team and one that the players can really compete in if they play to their potential.

“These matches are tremendous for the squad and will be fantastic to be part of. It’s a great challenge and one we’re looking forward to.”

Rachel wins top award but misses presentation



The award

An employee of the four-star, Radisson Blu Edinburgh has been recognised in one of the UK hotel industry’s top annual awards.

Rachel Perry, who has been part of the management team at the 238-bedroom hotel for four years, was named Revenue Manager of the Year at the Hotel CATEYS 2017.

She was the only Scotland-based candidate of the five shortlisted in her category and one of a handful from Scotland shortlisted across all 18 award categories.

Perry, who couldn’t attend the ceremony due to being on honeymoon in Japan, said: “I can’t believe it. I am so pleased as I know how tough it is to win a CATEY. I’m thrilled and also for my team.”

Speedway – Kerr wants to be on winning side



Lewis Kerr loves Ashfield and believes he is joining a winning team

While Edinburgh Monarchs continue to plan for next season, arch rivals Glasgow Tigers have confirmed a third signing.

Lewis Kerr joins the Ashfield club and the rider has bounced back after a horror crash which left him in a comma.

The 27-year-old, King's Lynn-based rider joins Chris Harris and James Sarjeant in the line-up so far.

And he admitted: "The (Ashfield) track is one of my favourites in the UK and what they've done with the place and the promotion – everything about it – it's just amazing."

Reflecting on his crash, Kerr said: "The year after my injury, it was getting back into the swing of things.

"The season just gone was probably my best to date. I finished No 1 for Scunthorpe and put in some good scores for Somerset in the Premiership as well.

"I'm going in the right direction. The travelling doesn't affect me. You know you're going to be in a winning side."

Ice hockey – Khristich hopes two are fit



Action from Sunday's clash between Dundee Stars and Edinburgh Capitals at Murrayfield.
Picture by Ian Coyle

Edinburgh Capitals should have two key players available for Wednesday's Elite League clash with champions Cardiff Devils at Murrayfield.

Denis Trakhanov required medical attention after being cut just below his nose by an opponents stick in Capitals side's 5-3 home league victory over Dundee Stars.

And Pavel Vorobyev did not ice on Sunday after picking up an injury in Capitals' 8-2 defeat at Braehead Clan on Saturday.

Coach Dmitri Khristich confirmed that both players will be assessed but he hopes they will be confirmed fit.

The Ukrainian-born coach was pleased with the win and with the fact that Capitals scored on four of eight power play chances.

Cardiff travel north after beating Fife Flyers 4-3 at Kirkcaldy on Saturday and but they were edged 4-3 after penalty shots at home to Belfast Giants on Sunday.

They are fifth in the 12-strong league with 21 points from 17 games while Edinburgh prop up the table with six points from 18 fixtures.

Khristich said it was great to win on Sunday but said his team still have a lot of work on.

Capitals scored four goals in three sensational minutes against Dundee, three of the goals coming when they had an

extra man with a Stars player in the sin bin.

Khristich added: "It was really good execution of our power play and when that happens you score goals."

Dundee are also in action on Wednesday entertaining play-off champions Sheffield Steelers and the face-off in both games is 7.30pm

Memorial to Elsie Inglis unveiled at Edinburgh Central Library,



A memorial to pioneering doctor and founder of the Scottish Women's Hospitals, Dr Elsie Inglis, was unveiled on Friday at Edinburgh Central Library, 100 years on from her death.

Members of Dr Inglis' family were among the first to see the plaque on the library's first floor landing commemorating her and the work of the Scottish Women's Hospitals during World War One.

The memorial, organised by [Scotland's War Project](#) in partnership with the libraries service, bears an inscribed quote from Winston Churchill on the renowned suffragist, reading: "She will shine forever in history" along with the names of the 15 women who died during their service in the Scottish Women's Hospital.

It will complement an existing a roll of honour listing the nurses who fell in World War One on display in the library, which is also home to the original diary of Ethel Moir, who served with the Scottish Women's Hospitals.

Councillor Ian Perry, Education, Children and Families Convener, said: "There is no doubt that Dr Elsie Inglis – war hero, pioneering medic, advocate of women's rights – is a

truly revered and treasured figure in Edinburgh's history, so I am delighted that we have been able to honour her with this memorial.

"I'm sure we'll see many people come through the doors of the Central Library to pay tribute to this inspirational former citizen and to remember the many sacrifices she made for the good of our nation."

Dr Yvonne McEwen, Project Director at Scotland's War Project, said: "Like many people, I assumed that there was some form of memorial to Elsie Inglis' World War One contributions and was shocked to find out there wasn't anything, so decided to work with like-minded people to raise funds for a physical memorial.

"Also, thanks to the terrific support of the Council and Black Box Productions, I'm delighted that we now have a memorial to such an incredible humanitarian and daughter of the city. I'm enormously proud of everybody's achievement in making this a reality."

Tony Waterston, Dr Inglis' great, great nephew, added: "As a great, great nephew of Elsie Inglis I'm delighted to see the plaque installed in the public library. Just having returned from a family visit to Serbia, where most of Aunt Elsie's war time work went on, I was hugely impressed and moved by the heartfelt expressions of respect and love for her and the Scottish Women's Hospitals shown by Serbians of all ages and backgrounds. In today's world we can learn so much from her example of international solidarity, advocacy for the vulnerable and feminism, and we certainly feel that in my family."

The plaque's unveiling is one of several commemorative events taking place across Edinburgh to mark the anniversary of the death of Dr Inglis, who was raised in the Capital where she would go on to establish a medical college for women and a maternity hospital for poor mothers on the High Street.

It was during World War One that Dr Inglis rose to fame, after spearheading the establishment of the Scottish Women's Hospitals, providing all female-staffed relief hospitals across Europe and Russia to assist the Allied war effort.

At the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art – new major sculpture

MAJOR SCULPTURE BY LEADING TWENTIETH-CENTURY ARTIST ACQUIRED BY SCOTTISH NATIONAL GALLERY OF MODERN ART



A glass, perspex and stainless steel sculpture by the Russian artist Naum Gabo (1890-1977) has been acquired by the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh.

The work has been gifted through the Arts Council's Cultural Gifts Scheme by Graham Williams on behalf of himself and his wife, the artist's daughter Nina Williams.

This scheme allows a gift to be made in lieu of tax, and the tax reduction in this case will be £255,000. This scheme is regarded as a way of encouraging philanthropy for the arts, and is administered by the Arts Council. The reduction in tax relates to up to 30 per cent of the value of what is donated.

Gabo was born in 1890 in Russia. He studied medicine, then physics and engineering in Munich.

At the start of the First World War he moved to Norway, where, inspired by new scientific thinking about time, space and matter, he began to make sculpture out of card, sheet metal and, later, new kinds of transparent plastic. Instead of modelling or carving, he created a completely new kind of sculpture, which is glued or screwed together, and which the viewer can literally see through.

He proclaimed: 'We construct our work as the engineer

constructs his bridges, as the mathematician his formula of the orbits'. This approach, which became known as 'Constructive art', exercised an enormous influence over the development of modern sculpture.

In 1921, when he was living in Russia, Gabo made preliminary designs for Column, with the idea of making it into a giant public sculpture, towering over the hills near Moscow. Moving to Berlin in 1922, he made the first in a series of small, three-dimensional models, using glass, metal and plastics. Gabo made a number of preliminary models of Column: the earliest, dating from 1920-21, is now in Tate, London. In 1922-23 he made a larger version, just over a metre tall, in glass, painted metal, wood and galalith – an early kind of plastic. He wanted to make a much larger version, but the types of glass available at the time were unsatisfactory, having green edges. Gabo kept the project in mind, waiting for the creation of new materials which would help him to realise his ambition.

Gabo moved to London in 1936, forming close friendships with artists Henry Moore, Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth. From 1939 to 1946 he lived in St Ives, Cornwall, becoming a key figure in the St Ives art group. He moved to America in 1946, settling in Connecticut, with wife Miriam and daughter Nina. He subsequently took US citizenship. Nina returned to England in 1964.

By the 1960s, Gabo was recognized as one of the most important and innovative artists of the twentieth-century; exhibitions of his work proliferated. In 1970 he had an exhibition at the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art in Humlebæk, Denmark, and the idea of making Column on a larger scale resurfaced. Discussions led to the discovery of a new kind of glass, which was strong and completely transparent and colourless, being made by Pilkington Brothers in England. On seeing it, Gabo wrote: 'I never dreamt that such a beautiful, crystal-clear sheet of glass can now be produced'.

In 1973 Gabo sent a small model of Column to Denmark, for the new, larger work to be made. The glass came from Pilkington's and the other parts were made in Denmark to Gabo's specifications. Two examples of the sculpture were made: one for the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art and another that Gabo gave to his daughter, Nina, who gave it to her husband Graham. That second example was placed on loan to the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art in 2016 and has now been gifted, by Nina's husband, Graham Williams, through the Cultural Gifts Scheme. It joins two smaller works by Gabo already in the collection: Construction through a Plane (c.1937) and Spiral Theme (1941).

Column is on display at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art (Modern One), alongside paintings by Pablo Picasso, Lyubov Popova, Fernand Léger and Georges Braque, all dating from the same period, around the early 1920s.

Speaking of the acquisition, Simon Groom, Director of Modern and Contemporary Art at the National Galleries of Scotland, said: "We are delighted that this extraordinary and innovative sculpture has joined our collection. It has been on loan here for nearly two years and has been much admired. We are deeply grateful to Graham and Nina Williams, the artist's son-in-law and daughter, for their generosity, as well as to the Scottish Government."

Edward Harley, Chairman of the Acceptance in Lieu Panel said: "Column by Naum Gabo occupies a significant place in the history of modern sculpture. I am delighted that this important work has joined the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art's impressive holdings of 20th century art and is the first cultural gift to enter the collection."

Traineeship grants available

Cultural organisations are invited to apply for funding to host a 12-month opportunity for a young person.



A total of £100,000 being made available to support traineeships in the arts, screen and creative industries.

The Creative Scotland initiative is to mark the Year of Young People 2018 and the programme aims to support employment prospects for young people aged 16 to 24.

Organisations can apply for up to £10,000 for a full-time, year-long traineeship and it is anticipated that up to ten initiatives will be supported.

Colin Bradie, youth arts manager for Creative Scotland said: “The traineeship scheme will offer young people the opportunity to develop the skills and professional experience needed to progress in their chosen profession by removing barriers to paid work experience.

“At the same time, organisations will benefit from fresh, innovative ideas and enthusiasm of the trainees.”

The fund will prioritise organisations whose traineeships will focus on, and develop, a recognised artistic or creative skill base – as opposed to more administrative or support roles.

This can include an artistic or creative traineeship across a range of art forms or creative fields, including but not restricted to film, theatre, dance, visual arts, literature, music and digital arts.

Two of the traineeships will specifically support arts/creative organisations to host creative opportunities for young Gaelic speakers to help them develop their creative

work.

Senior police officers sign White Ribbon pledge to help eradicate male violence against women



Police Scotland's most senior officers and staff today signed the White Ribbon pledge to end violence against women and girls.

White Ribbon is a global campaign to eradicate male violence against women and White Ribbon Day, 25 November, marks the start of 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence.

Signing the pledge, Deputy Chief Constable Iain Livingstone said: "Every day our officers and staff work to tackle violence against women, to prevent offences and make our communities safer for all.

"Violence against women takes many forms, whether it's sexual crime, domestic abuse, human trafficking, female genital mutilation or another form of abuse. The vast majority of these offences take place in private or in virtual space rather than public spaces. While most men do not perpetrate violence against women, the overwhelming majority of offenders are men.

"This has to stop.

“That is why it is so important for all of us, but especially men, to do what we can to address violence against women. Signing the White Ribbon pledge is a clear signal of our intent. We won’t remain silent, as individuals and as a service, and we will do all we can to end violence against women and girls.”

Davy Thompson, Campaign Director of White Ribbon Scotland said: “By signing the White Ribbon pledge, Deputy Chief Constable Livingstone and other members of the Executive of Police Scotland have set an example to others in the police service and beyond to declare their opposition to male violence against women by also signing the pledge.

“White Ribbon Scotland appreciates their involvement in the campaign and their decision to stand up as role models to others. In so doing they have taken an important step towards the elimination of gender based violence and abuse across Scotland.”

Officers and staff across the service are also being encouraged to sign the White Ribbon pledge.

White Ribbon Scotland is part of the largest international campaign to involve men in addressing men’s violence against women. It originated in Canada and campaigns now exist in over 60 countries worldwide including Australia, Pakistan and Switzerland. One aspect of the campaign is to ask men in Scotland to sign a pledge which states:

‘I pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about men’s violence against women in all its forms’.

Men and women can sign the pledge online at <http://www.whiteribbonScotland.org.uk/makepledge>

Bonhams Pictures Sale 29 November 2017

A selection of works from the Studio of the much-loved Scottish painter and teacher Alberto Morrocco are included in the Pictures Sale tomorrow at Bonhams.



Danny McIlwraith of Bonhams with one of Alberto Morrocco's works behind him which is featured in the sale catalogue

The paintings cover many aspects of Morrocco's career and include:

- *Life Class (A Triptych)* which reveals Morrocco's admiration for the work of Picasso. Estimated at £30,000-50,000



Tommy Alexander and Danny McIlwraith carefully posed with two parts of the triptych which is expected to fetch up to £50,000

- *Night Fishermen* (£6,000-8,000). One of several large-scale, powerful images of fishermen painted during the later 1960s, often in Sicily, at Fondachello.



Lorna MacGregor of Bonhams admiring the real thing

- *The Basilica Di San Marco, Moonlight* (£12,000-18,000).

Venice was a favourite city of the artist, and he painted it many times throughout his life.

- *Aberdeen, the Bay at Gourdon* (£3,000-5,000). Morrocco was particularly attached to the countryside around Aberdeen and Dundee, where he was Head of the School of Painting at the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, now part of Dundee University.
- *Table Top Still Life* (£3,000-5,000), informed by his love of Bonnard and Picasso, with flowers, fruit and colourful cloths tumbling to the fore.



Sale: Paintings to include a Studio Selection by Alberto Morrocco

Location: 22 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2

Date: Wednesday 29 November 2017 2.00 p.m.

Teenage student found dead after suspected drugs overdose at Edinburgh College



Police are investigating the circumstances after the body of an 18-year-old student was found following a suspected drugs overdose at Edinburgh College on Milton Road East at 1.40am on

Sunday.

The death is not being treated as suspicious and a report will be sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: "Police in Edinburgh are investigating following the death of an 18-year-old man at Edinburgh College's Milton Road East campus."

He added: "The death is being treated as unexplained, however the circumstances are not believed to be suspicious. A report will be sent to the Procurator Fiscal."

An Edinburgh College spokesman said: "This is incredibly sad news and all our thoughts are with our student's family and friends.

"We're making sure students on campus have as much support as possible and we're working closely with Police Scotland to assist their enquiries."

Roadworks on Queensferry Crossing to allow traffic to drive at motorway speeds

As explained when the Queensferry Crossing was officially opened in early September, the speed limit on all surrounding roads and on the bridge itself was restricted to 40mph until roadworks on connecting routes had been completed.



Later this week final works will get underway and drivers are advised to beware of diversions.

Transport Scotland explained that having closely monitored the new bridge since traffic started using it, the contractors have identified snagging works which require the lifting of the surfacing around the bridge expansion joints.

The works will allow the bridge to achieve its next key milestone – opening at a 70 mph speed limit – as planned by the end of December 2017, all subject to weather conditions.

The five day programme of works is weather sensitive so it could result in works being rescheduled if the weather turns. Transport Scotland stated that any changes to the programme of works will be publicised as soon as possible to keep road users informed.

[tweet_box design="default"]The snagging works on the Queensferry Crossing are planned to commence at **22:00 hours on Thursday November 30 and finish by 06:00 on Wednesday December 6, 2017.**[/tweet_box]

For the duration of the works southbound traffic will use the Forth Road Bridge (FRB) and northbound traffic will use the Queensferry Crossing.

Signage and traffic management will be in place to guide traffic over the Forth and road users are advised to plan ahead. The closure will also enable traffic management procedures for diverting traffic to be fully tested.



The final touches being put to the Queensferry Crossing 23, August, 2017
Photo : Ian Jacobs

Transport Minister Humza Yousaf said: “Successfully completing

this snagging work will allow the Queensferry Crossing to reach its next major milestone and operate at a 70 mph speed limit by the end of December.

“Snagging issues are normal with any major infrastructure project on this scale and complexity. Having closely monitored the bridge since its opening our contractors have informed us that this work is required around the bridge’s expansion joints prior to moving to a 70 mph speed limit.

“The benefit of the gradual move to motorway status for the Queensferry Crossing is that it allows these essential works to happen with the least amount of disruption possible.

“Southbound traffic will use the Forth Road Bridge for the entire duration of the lane closures and northbound traffic will use the Queensferry Crossing. For the safety of road workers the speed limit will be 40 mph on both bridges for the duration of the works.

“It is important to also note this work is being carried out under the existing contract for the Queensferry Crossing and is therefore at no additional cost to the public purse.

“I would like to thank travelling public for their patience while the complex process of switchover is ongoing and in particular during these upcoming works. Utilising the FRB will provide Amey, the Forth Bridges Operating Company with an opportunity for live testing on the emergency crossover points ahead of any requirement to use them in future.”

Christine Jardine MP said : “This is an outrage. My constituents and the communities who are dependent on the bridge have been extraordinarily patient, while they have been consistently messed around. Now this.

“Why were we allowed to believe the bridge was finished when it is now abundantly clear that is not the case?

“Serious questions need to be asked about how this has been handled myself and my colleague Mr Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, Cllr Kevin Lang and Cllr Louise Young will be holding them to account on behalf of our communities.”

John Byrne National Drawing Competition

The fourth annual John Byrne National Drawing Competition has been launched today and young Edinburgh artists are urged to enter.

Since the launch of the competition in 2014, thousands of pupils have submitted their artwork to be judged by the renowned artist and playwright John Byrne.



John Byrne photographed with fellow artist Alison Watt at the RSA

The competition, sponsored by John, in partnership with Education Scotland, launched on 27 November 2017. Children and young people from P4 – S3 are invited to submit a drawing.

The winning artwork will be chosen by John along with a selection panel of judges who will decide upon three winners whose winning pieces will be displayed, along with the drawings of the 30 runners up, as part of a special showcase at Paisley Museum and Art Gallery on Friday 16 March.

John Byrne said: “I’m really excited to launch the fourth year of the annual John Byrne National Drawing Competition and see the creative flair and talent that we have within our schools.

“It’s really important that we give young people opportunities like this to use their imagination and express their creativity and love for drawing. This competition is a great way to showcase their talent and, once again, I look forward to seeing the remarkable variety of entries.”

Last year’s competition winner, Cameron Lawson from Cedarbank School, West Lothian said: “My art teacher encouraged me to enter the competition. I was really surprised when I found out that I’d won but it was great to see my artwork on display. I would encourage pupils to take part as it’s a great experience. My advice would be to try your best and use your imagination.”

Ron Cowie, Senior Education Officer at Education Scotland added: “Art and design is an important part of the curriculum and this competition aims to encourage pupils across Scotland to develop their drawing skills and be creative. Education Scotland is proud to be involved in this competition as it is a great way to promote drawing in schools.”

Entries for the John Byrne National Drawing Competition must be submitted by **4pm on 23 February 2018** to be considered for the three main prizes, with the 30 runners-up receiving certificates specially designed by John.

The competition rules and information about submitting entries can be found on the Education Scotland website, www.education.gov.scot

Whiff of seaside at Western



Part of the exhibits at The Western

A project to transform the waiting area and corridors of a leading Edinburgh hospital into a seaside scene is under way thanks to funding from a local charity.

Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity (EHC) has partnered with the National Museum of Scotland to makeover the space at the Western General Hospital which houses the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services units.

Patients and staff have been involved and made the decision, along with lead artist Catriona McIntyre, to have a seaside theme.

Sankurie Pye and Fiona Ware, Curators of Invertebrate Biology at the National Museum of Scotland, have also contributed samples from the museum's collection including a digital microscope which young patients can use to learn more about seashells and creatures.

Fiona O'Sullivan, Arts Programme Manager at EHC, said: "The purpose of the project is to design a bright and colourful space which will be a fun but calming setting.

"Art is a wonderful way for the young patients to express themselves and can be a hugely relaxing and therapeutic activity for them.

"Partnering with the National Museum of Scotland meant it was also educational."

She added: "We exist to ensure children and young people's lives are less interrupted by illness and it's the generosity of those who get involved with us which allows us to continue to do this."

Hibernian Ladies win SSE Scottish Women's Cup with 3-0 win over Glasgow City



Hibernian Ladies won the SSE Scottish Women's Cup Final yesterday beating rivals Glasgow City 3-0 with a fantastic performance at the Tony Macaroni Arena in Livingston.

After an even first half, Hibernian took the lead just before the break when Abi Harrison slammed the ball into the back of the net from inside the six-yard box.

Hibernian totally dominated the second half and created a number of chances before doubling their advantage in spectacular style in the 81st minute.

Rachael Small was brought down by Lauren McMurchie, some 40 yards from goal and Siobhan Hunter took the resultant free kick which flew into the top corner of the net.

Hibernian wrapped things up in the dying minutes with a fine header from Small and almost made it 4-0 in time added on when Lia Tweedie fired over the bar from close range.

After the game manager Kevin Milne said: "They produced a performance which was second to none and thoroughly deserved their win. After half time I said to the girls that they had to keep on doing what they were doing and not sit back on their laurels because they will come at you. When Siobhan hit the free-kick I thought 'what are you doing?' but when it hit the back of the net, I wasn't surprised as she does that all the time in training, but what a finish it was and that killed the game.

"It was a great finish and I'm sure she will get a few

champaigns for that.”

Siobhan Hunter said: ” I just fancied my chances. They never really had a wall so I thought that if I hit it hard enough it would go in. That’s two years in a row that we have won two cups, and now we have to go and get the league title and that’s what we want next season.”

Glasgow City: Alexander, McMurchie, McCarthy, Lauder, Love, Grant, Murray, Docherty, Keenan, Ross, Foley. Unused substitutes: Boyce, McSorley, Kerr, Paton, Clachers.

Hibernian Ladies: Fife, Hunter, Robertson, Smith, McLauchlan, Murray, Turner (Tweedie, 77), Cornet, Harrison, Small, Brownlie. Unused substitutes: Reid, Michie, Leishman, Gallacher, Notley, Russell.

VIDEO – Dr Elsie Inglis – centenary of the death of an inspiring woman

It is now 100 years since Dr Elsie Inglis died and her work and life are being marked this week with a variety of events. This will culminate in a Service of Thanksgiving on Wednesday 29 November 2017 at St Giles.



Here the First Minister explains why Dr Inglis remains an inspiration:

[First Minister Nicola Sturgeon remembers Dr Elsie Inglis and](#)

[the Scottish Women's Hospitals](#) from [WW100 Scotland](#) on [Vimeo](#).

This film relates more about her work and her legacy.

[Dr Elsie Inglis and the Scottish Women's Hospitals Movement](#) from [WW100 Scotland](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Witness appeal following assault and robbery in Dalkeith



Police are appealing for information after a man was assaulted and robbed around 11.15pm on Friday 24 November as he walked along Lauder Road towards Dalkeith.

The 31-year-old man was chased by two males along Lauder Road who assaulted him before he managed to run off in the direction of Bruce Gardens.

The suspects caught up with the victim in the Waterfall Walk area where they assaulted him again and stole his mobile phone.

The man was taken to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and released following treatment.

Both suspects are described as white males, aged approximately 18 years old, around 5ft 8ins tall, and both of skinny build.

One of the suspects was described as wearing a grey hooded top, jeans and white trainers.

The second suspect was described as having short dark hair, wearing a dark blue or black hooded jacket, dark coloured jeans and white trainers.

Detective Inspector Stephen Morris of Livingston CID said: "This was a brutal attack by the suspects who pursued the victim in order to assault and rob him.

"We are appealing to anyone who was in the Lauder Road area late on Friday evening who witnessed the incident or who recognises the description of the suspects to contact police.

"In particular I would appeal to the member of the public who assisted the victim and chased off the suspects to come forward to police as they may have vital information that can help with our investigations."

Those with information are asked to contact officers at Livingston CID via 101, quoting incident number 4586 of 24 November, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

If You Want to Stop Smoking Here's What to Do



The Edinburgh Reporter's Mike Smith is a qualified hypnotherapist. In the latest of a series of articles about what hypnotherapy can do for you, Mike looks at how this can help people stop smoking – and extend the length and quality of life.

It's the time of the year when many of us are scratching our

heads, wondering what gift to buy for loved ones. Searching for that ideal gift can be frustrating, challenging and time-consuming. But how about a gift that could improve the health and well-being of your nearest and dearest? Particularly, if they smoke and you – and they – want this habit to end so their health will improve, and they will save money in these difficult times?

A gift voucher for stopping smoking through hypnotherapy could be the most precious gift a smoker could receive.

Did you know that:

- Despite nearly 100,000 people in the UK dying from smoking-related illnesses each year, nearly one sixth of adults are still smokers?
- Nearly 50 per cent of all smokers die prematurely due to smoking-related diseases.
- The life expectancy of a smoker is about 10 years less than that of a non-smoker.
- In the UK it is estimated only half of long-term smokers live past the age of 70.
- Up to 17,000 children under the age of five are admitted to hospital each year as a result of passive smoking-related illnesses

Quitting smoking is a big challenge for a person to face and they will often need more than just willpower. For many people, hypnotherapy is an effective solution.

Hypnotherapy for smoking

A great number of people find hypnotherapy for smoking an effective treatment. The method works to break the negative behaviours and thinking patterns associated with smoking. The thoughts and behaviours the smoker holds are often what prevents them from successfully giving up.

It is important for the person to know why they want to quit

before any successful attempts can be made. It is common for people to relapse if they are quitting for somebody else. If the individuals are making the decision for themselves, the chances of success can improve.

When a person makes the decision to stop smoking, the key aspect is to let go of the routine and change their perspective of cigarettes. Breaking an addiction like this is a challenge. Many people find changing how they think about something difficult. As hypnotherapy focuses on this change, it is fast becoming one of the most popular forms of treatment.

When considering stop smoking hypnosis, the first thing the smoker should do is make sure they are choosing to quit for themselves. Hypnosis for smoking has been found to be most effective when the person really wants to quit.

Hypnotherapy works by putting the individual into a deep, relaxed state. You are not asleep and are fully aware of what is going on – but, based on information you provide about what relaxes you – you are wholly relaxed. This is when your subconscious mind is open and receptive to new ideas and suggestions.

At this point, the hypnotherapist will look to change the thought patterns of the smoker. They will make suggestions such as, “I do not want a cigarette” or “the smell of cigarette smoke makes me nauseous”. The hypnotherapist may ask the individual to imagine unpleasant smells and feelings that they can associate with smoking. The person may also be taught various stop smoking hypnosis techniques, so they can practice at home.

The ultimate aim of stop smoking hypnosis is to empower people to take control of their addiction. Hypnotherapy for smoking will promote healthier behaviours. It can help the individual to develop new patterns of thinking.

It is never too late to quit smoking. Whatever age the smoker is, if they make the decision to stop, their health will benefit. However, the sooner a person quits; the faster the body can recover and the risk of developing serious health conditions will decrease.

The average cost of a 20-pack of cigarettes is £8.00. If a person is smoking 20 cigarettes a day for 10 years, they will have spent nearly £30,000. Quitting smoking could mean a person is £250.00 richer per month. Think about what someone could do with that extra money – as well as improving their health.

Do you have your doubts hypnotherapy would work? Well, one of my clients smoked tobacco for 30 years and was desperate to stop. He had tried everything – nicotine patches, gum, e-cigarettes, even acupuncture. None of these worked. One session of hypnotherapy and he was a non-smoker. His life had changed for the better after little more than an hour.

So, why not treat your loved one to a smoking cessation session at Mind Generating Success? Hypnotherapy has been used very successfully to help smokers give up the fags. And, quite often, it can be done in just one session.

For just £95 per session, [Mind Generating Success](#) – based in Craiglockhart in Edinburgh- can help someone you love dearly to kick the habit. Think of how 2018 will be for them having consigned smoking to history. Contact me on 07521 353 787 or email me at mike.smith@mgs-hypnotherapy-services.co.uk for more information and advice on what to do next. Evening appointments are available. Home visits by arrangement.

As a special offer for readers of The Edinburgh Reporter, there is 10% off until 30th November. Just quote ER2017 to claim – but be quick! This offer ends at midnight on Thursday.

Gift vouchers for smoking cessation at Mind Generating Success are available now if you think this would make a great idea.

After all, you can help improve someone's life – and what greater gift can there be than that?

Petition lodged following council school closure plans

The news 'broke' on Friday afternoon that the council is to review schools in the west and south west of the city, and already a petition to Keep Currie Community High School open has begun.

The review of schools in the west and south west of the city was however discussed in a report to the Education Committee in August 2017, when the council identified a need for a new West Edinburgh High School to accommodate pupils from the new homes planned for the area.

The plans to demolish Currie Community High School were also mentioned in that report, but it was considered to be a long term plan at that stage.

The council had planned to build the new school within the International Business Gateway, but it would appear that this will no longer be possible following guidance from the Scottish Government.

In light of rising rolls, deteriorating buildings and a need for new schools the council has drawn up proposals which affect many of the secondary and some primary schools in the area. You can read more about the details of these proposals [here](#).

There will be two events in January and February at all the affected schools organised in conjunction with parent councils, with a view to passing comments and recommendations back to the Education Committee in March next year.



One of the thoughts is to combine Currie High School and Wester Hailes Education Centre into one new school called South West High School.

PETITION

The purpose of the announcement was to give plenty of time for discussion and consultation on the proposals. But some parents of Currie High School children who might be affected by the moves have already lodged a public petition to save the school.

A letter to all parents was also sent out by the council :



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The [petition](#) lodged by Nic Reid already has over 2,000 signatures, perhaps indicative of the strength of feeling in the area.

The narrative reads as follows:

Recently the council have unveiled plans to change catchment areas for both primary and secondary schools and to demolish two secondary schools (Wester Hailes Education Centre and Currie Community High School) and build a new school in their place. Their reasoning is that both schools need refurbishing and that it will be cheaper to build a new school. Whilst it is true that both need repairs that means the council should temporarily cut funding from other aspects of their work not that both schools should be abandoned (and most likely sold to housing developers). Currie is one of the top nationwide schools and there is no way to tell how this change will affect those statistics. If these proposals come to fruition it will completely disturb the local community as many sports clubs and social groups are hosted in the buildings. Not only that but the council would be affecting Woodlands School as it was built so it could share Currie High's resources. Currie is an expanding area and many parents of young children have recently moved into new housing developments. All these children would have to get to their new schools by bus, car or other non eco-friendly methods of transportation unless they were to use a bike on a busy road. At 8:00 – 8:30 on a weekday morning many people are on their way to work meaning children will most likely have to leave earlier than usual in the morning. There are no shops near the proposed sites meaning children who don't like school dinners or packed lunches will go hungry as opposed to the current Currie High which is near Scotmid, Baynes, the local butchers' and the local chip shop amongst others. If the

council are intent on building a new school then it should be on the site where the school playing fields currently are. This would mean that the council could save the money and that the majority of pupils going to the new South West High could transition smoothly without much disruption and that Balerno High would no longer need an extension. The council could then build upgraded sporting facilities to replace the current facilities, for example a 4G pitch to replace the cracking, bumpy astro-turf currently in place. Although this would still mean a temporary pause on some sporting clubs I am sure most of them would be able to use the indoor halls.

Cllr Alison Dickie, Vice Convener, of Education, Children and Families, at the City of Edinburgh Council, said: “The aim of publishing these proposals is to gauge the views of parents and their school communities. It’s so important we hear their voices – especially if they have any alternative proposals we could consider.

“The consultation over the coming months is an integral part of the review process however I must stress these proposals cannot be implemented without a statutory consultation process which would be the next step.

“It’s important to remember that no decisions have been made so I would urge anyone who has views on the plans to feed back their comments so it can help shape any future statutory consultation.”

Wester Hailes Education Centre has a swimming pool which is open to the public as well as pupils, so no doubt there will be resistance to that in due course.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

And a Freedom of Information request has been lodged with The City of Edinburgh Council by Daniela Dinwoodie as follows:

Dear City of Edinburgh Council,

I would like a copy of all costings done in relation to the proposed merger of Currie High with WHEC, so the actual figures for the new build costs at new proposed sites 1&2 but also to include extend and refit build costings for Balerno HS,

Also any costings done for a rebuild of Currie HS on existing site

and further infrastructure costs for improving the roads to and from, and any extra traffic /transport considerations. For the new proposed site at options 1 and 2.

Also proposed repair works cost for existing Currie high school building

I would like the full costings taken in relation to this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

*Daniela dinwoodie
Edinburgh*

The council has 20 days to respond to this request.

Congratulations to the new royal couple!

The Prince of Wales is delighted to announce the engagement of Prince Harry to Ms. Meghan Markle.
pic.twitter.com/zdaHR4mcY6

– Clarence House (@ClarenceHouse) [November 27, 2017](#)

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh are delighted for the couple and wish them every happiness. <https://t.co/aAJ23uSbao>

– The Royal Family (@RoyalFamily) [November 27, 2017](#)

On the news of Prince Harry and Ms. Meghan Markle's engagement, The Prince of Wales, speaking for himself and The Duchess of Cornwall, said: "We're thrilled. We're both thrilled. We hope they'll be very happy indeed."

– Clarence House (@ClarenceHouse) [November 27, 2017](#)



Hopefully it will not be too long before we see the happy couple in Edinburgh!

Right Rev Dr Derek Browning, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, said: "At this good news of a royal engagement, I am delighted to express every good wish and blessing.

"The power of good, strong, respectful relationships is a benefit not only to the couple but also to families and the wider community.

"I wish the happy couple a long and joyful marriage, with lots of laughter, fun and delight."

Very Rev Professor Iain Torrance, Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland, said: "We are truly delighted to see their joy and the way they so obviously support each other.

"We wish them very many years of happy married life together."

Pregnant Women across Lothians Urged to get Flu Vaccine

The vaccine can help protect both pregnant women and their babies against flu



The Royal College of Midwives is today (27 November 2017) urging more pregnant women across the Lothians to get their flu vaccine to help protect themselves and their babies this winter.

The call comes after statistics highlighted that only half of those pregnant in the Lothians received their vaccine last winter. Flu was the cause of death among one in 11 women who died during, or shortly after, pregnancy.

Pregnant women who contract flu are also five times more likely to have a stillborn baby, or for the baby to die in the first week following birth.

Director of the Royal College of Midwives Scotland, Mary Ross-Davie said: "Flu is a really serious illness – it is not just a bad cold. It can have a serious impact on those expecting a baby, which is why we're encouraging expectant mothers to get the vaccine.

"If you've been pregnant before, remember that a healthy and flu-free pregnancy last time is no guarantee that you won't

catch flu this time.

“The flu vaccine is free, it’s safe to have at any time during pregnancy, and it only takes a few minutes. To ensure you’re protected this winter, I’d encourage you to make booking your GP vaccination appointment a priority.”

Dr Lorna Willocks, consultant in Public Health, NHS Lothian, said: “It’s so important that pregnant women across Scotland get the flu vaccine this year as they are at greater risk of flu related complications.

“The vaccine is safe for pregnant women and their baby at any stage of pregnancy and also helps protect them both from what can be a serious virus.

“We are urging all pregnant women across the lothians to make an appointment with their GP practice; it will help protect you for up to a year and also your baby for at least three months after birth.”

☒ Deputy Chief Medical Officer Gregor Smith said: “Flu doesn’t discriminate and even the fittest and healthiest among us can fall seriously ill. Pregnant women can be much more vulnerable to flu due to changes to their immune system, heart and lungs. When pregnancy is combined with an at risk condition the risk becomes even greater. Evidence shows pregnant women have a higher chance of developing complications if they get flu, particularly in the later stages of pregnancy.

“There is no doubt that women want to do as much as they can to keep their baby safe and healthy during pregnancy, and as we come into our coldest months that should include getting their flu vaccine. It not only protects the mother from contracting flu but will also protect baby for several months following their birth, when they are at their most vulnerable.”

Visit www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/flu or phone NHS Inform on 0800 22 44 88 for further information.

Council calls for more control over sale of fireworks

Three councillors demanded action in relation to fireworks sold in the city at last week's council meeting. Deputy Council Leader Cammy Day, Councillor Kevin Lang and Councillor Mark Brown all lodged motions asking for much the same result.



The Green Group asked that the council also addresses the wider antisocial behaviour around the incidents earlier in the month. They also recognised that the experience of community bonfires can be valuable in neighbourhood bonding.

All of these demands follow incidents in early November during which police officers were targeted with fireworks causing serious injury. Cars were burned out and there was 'substantial damage to property'.

Councillor Day introduced the motion at the city chamber by referring to these incidents in North Edinburgh and in Craightinny, and suggested that everyone in the chamber would condemn these.

He said : "I commend the local communities for their support in coming together on these issues."

In welcoming the motions from other political groups he hoped that the council can achieve a joint approach to this matter, and mentioned the [meeting earlier in the week](#) when a variety of agencies came together to discuss ways of tackling the matter.

Councillor Cathy Fullerton welcomed the initiative proposed by Councillor Day. She pointed out that the council already works with Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to ensure that the current rules on selling fireworks to the public are strictly followed. She continued :”I am advised that new measures to protect the public in the sale of fireworks would require new legislation from the UK government.”

Councillor Lang also welcomed the motions before the council, all from different political groups. He said : “It underlines not just the seriousness of the issues which took place in many parts of the city a few weeks ago, but this is a genuine cross-party effort to try and do something about it.

“Something must be done. When I have constituents ringing me up or emailing me petrified at the thought of going out of their homes, something must be done.

“It is important to stress that the vast majority of the citizens of this city buy, use and enjoy fireworks in a safe and responsible manner. A small minority are causing damage, distress and misery to so many.”

There were over 250 calls regarding dangerous fireworks and anti – social behaviour which required emergency service attendance.

All three councillors agreed that their motions would be heard as one. All asked that the behaviour was condemned and action is taken before November 2018. Such action would have to come mainly from the UK Government.

The matter was raised at Holyrood by Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP who asked that the government should investigate and address the antisocial use of unlicensed fireworks.

Councillor Howie also explained that those with disabilities, and guide dog owners such as himself, might not be able to get out of the way as quickly as others and he supported all that had been said during the debate.

We spoke to Councillor Day after the meeting which called for discussion with other agencies and a report back to the February meeting of the Corporate Policy and Strategy committee which is convened by the Council Leader.

Promotions at recruitment firm

Founded in Edinburgh the IT recruitment firm Cathcart Associates has announced three senior promotions within its Scotland and North of England divisions.

The promotions follow recent news of expansion by the independent business in its Manchester office, and the creation of a dedicated training programme for graduate recruits.



Stuart Manderson has been promoted to Sales Manager, managing the whole UK IT business. His responsibilities will include setting consultant targets, recruiting and developing new trainees, carrying out reviews of all UK based IT staff and attending board meetings. Manderson, who has been with

Cathcart for six years, is also account manager for some of its biggest customers, and was the first employee to bill over £1 million for the company.

After four years with the business, Murray Simpson has been made Scotland Team Leader. His new role will see him specialising in the sourcing and placement of senior IT professionals while leading the team of recruiters in Scotland.

In his new position as Senior Consultant for the north of England, Liam Wilson will be responsible for high level business development for major clients in the area. He will continue to be Cathcart's specialist in the fields of business intelligence, data science and artificial intelligence. Liam started the north of England team single-handedly and has so far grown it to seven consultants.

Gordon Kaye, founder and Director at Cathcart Associates, said: "Scotland and Manchester are hotbeds for growth and development in the tech industry right now and we are seeing this reflected directly in demand for our services.

"Cathcart specialises in recruitment for IT businesses and customer service is at the forefront of who we are. We are very pleased to announce the promotion of three members of our team who have delivered outstanding results in terms of the service we offer our clients and candidates and who have the skills and commitment to support the growth of the business."

Cathcart was founded in 2009 in Edinburgh by Gordon Kaye and Sam Wason, and opened its Manchester and Bangkok offices two years ago. The company projects 100% increase in turnover year on year over the next three years in its Manchester division, taking revenue in its Manchester office to over £4 million by 2020. Headcount is expected to double over the same time frame.

East Craigs GP practice to change management this week

On 30 November East Craigs Medical Practice will remain open but it will not be run by the GP partners after that date.

According to a notice on the practice website the partners took this decision some time ago. They state:

As with a number of practices in Edinburgh, there are insufficient GP partners to both manage the practice and look after the patients.

For this reason, on 26th May 2017 the remaining partners were left with no option but to hand responsibility for management of the practice back to NHS Lothian. This notice will take effect on November 30th 2017.

On Friday 1st December, East Craigs Practice will be taken over by the Barclay Medical Group, a Glasgow based medical practice. You will see the same reception and nursing staff, and many of the same doctors. You should notice very little change in your care.

We have been proud to be partners in this practice

Drs Haining, Dixon & Stewart

Notwithstanding the fact that the doctors themselves say that patients should notice little difference, the local MSP and Scottish Liberal Democrat health spokesperson, Alex Cole-Hamilton, claims that there will be disruption.



He said: "I am angry and disappointed that services for people in a large part of Edinburgh are being disrupted. I have met the practice over several months with Edinburgh West MP Christine Jardine. They have been utterly failed by NHS Lothian.

"The Scottish Government had been staring the GP crisis in the face for years but its response has been weak.

"We know that the Conservative Brexit policy risks losing another 300 GPs so this is serious now and potentially catastrophic in the future."

World Forum on Natural Capital 2017 takes place today

Today at the EICC there is yet another world conference taking place. The World Forum on Natural Capital is something a bit different however.



EICC

The 700 strong international audience will listen to speakers from business, the third sector and foreign governments all gathered to discuss how to better manage the world's natural assets.

You can follow the conversation on Twitter [here](#).



The First Minister speaking at the Arctic World Forum last week in Edinburgh

The First Minister Nicola Sturgeon will open the forum and is expected to reinforce Scotland's commitment to protecting our resources, and the correlation between environmental sustainability and growing the economy.

She will outline how Scotland has already led in making deep cuts in harmful greenhouse gas emissions – well on the way to the target of a 42% reduction by 2020. Proposed new legislation will set even more ambitious, long term emissions reductions targets in direct response to the Paris Agreement.

The Scottish Government introduced a National Marine Plan, published in 2015, which required developers, users and those accessing our marine environment to take measures to address marine litter, and decision makers must adhere to this when making choices about activities which affect our seas.

This year's Programme for Government set out further steps that will be taken to protect Scotland's natural capital.

From summer 2018, the manufacture and sale of cosmetics and personal care products containing microbeads – harmful to the marine environment – will be banned. The Scottish Government has also committed to being the first UK country to introduce a deposit return scheme for drinks containers.

Speaking ahead of the conference, the First Minister said: "Scotland is leading the way in demonstrating that there needn't be a tension between protecting our environment and our natural capital, and growing our economy. I believe they are two sides of the same coin.

"That is why Scotland was one of the first countries to sign

up to the Sustainable Development Goals. That is why we were one of the first countries in the world to develop a Natural Capital Asset Index, to allow us to focus on growing our stock of natural capital, and it is why we put so much emphasis on making sure that we tackle climate change, protecting the environment that our natural capital needs to thrive.

“Our natural capital is vital to the health, wellbeing and prosperity of our country, and Scotland will be a better country if we recognise that and reflect that in all of our policy making.”

This is an example of the videos which you can find on the [forum website](#).

Scottish Labour leader aiming to get his message out with a little help from Corbyn

Richard Leonard, Leader of the Scottish Labour Party, will be joined by Jeremy Corbyn today in Glasgow where they will both speak about the months ahead.

Mr Leonard will announce his ambition that the core of his leadership campaign – his policy plan for real change – will form the basis Scottish Labour’s future programme for government.

He will explain how he will bring policies he stood for as a leadership candidate to Scottish Labour’s next Conference in Dundee in March 2018, as part of a rolling programme of policy development, including twelve reviews and a commission on tax.

Leonard will declare that his driving mission is to give confidence to the Scottish people that real change can happen so that the real wealth creators – that means all of us – run society, not the wealth extractors.



Leonard, speaking at a joint press event with Labour Leader Jeremy Corbyn, will state that his leadership will be measured by three goals: to win for Labour in Holyrood and become First Minister; to give the Scottish people confidence that they can make real change; and to lead a Labour surge in Scotland that will help Labour win the next Westminster elections.

Welcoming Richard Leonard's vision for Scottish Labour and the country, Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Labour Party, will say that he will work "as closely as possible" with Leonard to "change our society for the many not the few."

Corbyn will state the Labour's mission is to inspire people in every nation and region of the UK to "have the confidence to be a country that genuinely cares for all."

Richard Leonard, Scottish Labour Leader, is expected to say:

"I was elected Scottish Labour Leader promising real change – and it is real change that together we will deliver.

"This task will not be easy. Change never comes without a fight. But we must, and we will, face the future with confidence.

"Confidence that we, the Labour Party and labour movement, will be the force to transform our society for the many not the few.

"Confidence not just in our own abilities, but in the capacity of working people in our country to run their own affairs, to control their own lives, and build a more prosperous and just nation.

"We must give our people the confidence that real change can happen.

"That's the agenda I set out over these past few weeks – and I'd like to thank Anas Sarwar for his spirited campaign. And it is this agenda – a plan for real change – that we must now take into our party and to the people of Scotland.

"Real change, for the many not the few, is the beating heart of our party. It has been our mission and our inspiration ever since Keir Hardie stood as the first Labour candidate in Mid Lanarkshire in 1888.

“But a powerful mission can and must always be reshaped and recharged. That’s what Jeremy Corbyn has done so successfully as Leader of the Party in Westminster.

“His principles, policies and integrity – along with the energy and passion of hundreds of thousands of new members – has breathed new life into our party.

“I pledge to do the same here in Scotland.

“That’s why I am announcing today plans to take my policy programme for real change, that I stood on to be leader into the Party, to our membership at our Party Conference in Dundee next March.

“Over the coming months, we will set up up twelve policy reviews and a commission on tax to further develop our policies on the vital issues facing Scotland including: funding and powers for local government, meeting the housing crisis, improving the health of our children, tackling climate change and developing green energy as well as extending public ownership.

“This moment can be a turning point for our Party in Scotland but also for the UK as a whole. We can and must change our society. We will challenge austerity from the SNP in Holyrood and the Tories in Westminster.

“Inequality, injustice and poverty are not inevitable. Together, we can seize the day and, as John Smith said when he became Labour leader, “persuade millions of the strength of our vision, the relevance of our policies and the urgency of our demand for change”.

“Labour has changed, and now we are determined to change Scotland. That is our task today; it is one I am confident that we can achieve together.”

Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Labour Party, is expected to say:

“I want to offer my warmest congratulations to Richard Leonard for being elected as the new leader of the Scottish Labour Party. I know that under Richard’s leadership Scottish Labour will once again bring hope and confidence to the people of Scotland.

“During this leadership election, Richard laid out a bold and radical agenda for Scottish Labour and showed his determination to bring real change to Scotland. I look forward to working as closely as possible with Richard to change our society for the many not the few.

“Now our whole party and movement must campaign together to inspire people in every nation and region of the UK to have the confidence to be a country that genuinely cares for all.

“It is Labour that offers the Scottish people real change and a break with the failed and rigged system that has held our people back.

“Together with the people of every nation and region of the UK, we will build a new economy that delivers good jobs and cutting edge investment in every part of our country, and puts equality and social justice at the heart of everything that we do.”

Neil Lennon slams referee after Hamilton draw



Hibs' Head coach Neil Lennon slammed the performance of referee Don Robertson following yesterday's 1-1 draw with Hamilton Academicals at the SuperSeal Stadium yesterday.

Hibs dominated throughout and 'Accies' had five players booked in an ill-tempered game.

After taking the lead, Hibs had several chances to wrap things up but a combination of good goalkeeping and poor refereeing decisions kept the scoreline down.

To add insult to injury, Lennon believes that Hamilton's equaliser should have been disallowed for a foul on Marvin Bartley in the run up to the goal.

Speaking immediately after the game to Hibernian TV, Lennon said: “I thought we were excellent today and should have won the game.

"We got no protection from the referee at all.

"We should have had a penalty. Dylan McGeouch goes to cross it and Redmond takes him out.

"The tackle count from our point of view is 19-7.

"How they stayed with 11 men on the pitch is beyond me.

"I thought Marv (Marvin Bartley) was fouled in the build up to their goal.

"I don't want to take anything away from the team today as I thought we were excellent and we should have won the game by a big margin.

"We were miles ahead of Hamilton who basically wanted to kick us off the park. We had good control and I think they only had one chance in the whole game and they score from it so the luck was with Hamilton and not us.

"It was as good a first half away from home as I have seen from us.

"Second half their goalkeeper saves from Hanlon and Boyle and you need that second goal to give you the cushion.

"We need better protection from referees. It sounds like sour grapes but when I see my players getting kicked left right and centre! I don't understand that performance at all.

"If we keep playing the way we are playing we will be alright."

Ice hockey – Capitals fans celebrate after shooting down Stars



Action from Murrayfield and the game against Dundee Stars. Picture by Ian Coyle

Elite League: Edinburgh Capitals 5, Dundee Stars 3; Nottingham Panthers 4, Fife Flyers 5 (after overtime)

Edinburgh Capitals put their off-ice problems behind them to record another stunning home victory.

Only seven days after beating Coventry Blaze 5-2 coach Dmitri Khristich guided his injury-hit side to a 5-3 victory over Dundee Stars.

And Capitals dug deep as the Tayside team led through a Johan Andersson goal set up by player/coach Omar Pacha after nine minutes at bottom club Edinburgh Capitals.

But the roof fell in for the Tayside team when they lost four goals in an astonishing three minute spell at the end of the opening session.

The club's success-starved fans were on their feet at the end of the Elite League game singing 'Stand up for the Capitals'.

And they had every right to be proud of their side after an end-to-end tussle at Murrayfield.

It was Juris Upitis who was set up by busy Sergei Banashkov to open Capitals' account after 16 minutes.

Konstantin Teslyukevich, who assisted in the opener, scored No 2 for the home side also on the power play.

Then Dylan Anderson on the power play made it 3-1 after 18min 14sec and Sergei Banashkov slotted the fourth 23 seconds after that.

The sides went into the dressing-room with Capitals in charge at 4-1 but Brian Hart slotted an unassisted strike only 47 seconds into the middle session to give Stars a lift.

Marc-Olivier Mimar followed-up with the third six minutes later with Pacha assisting.

Any hope Stars had to getting something from the game ended when Capitals leading points scorer Mike Cazzola scored at the far post after slick interplay also involving skipper Mike D'Orazio and Anderson.

Elsewhere, Ian Young stunned pace-setters Nottingham Panthers with an overtime strike as Fife Flyers again came from behind to beat one of the Elite League heavyweights.

Flyers, who were 5-1 behind at league champions Cardiff Devils last weekend before winning 8-6, celebrated again after the 25-year-old Canadian was set up by Danick Gauthier to net the game-winner only 36 seconds into the extra session.

Earlier, Fife were 3-0 behind after 11min 12sec. Mark Derlago opened the home side's account after 13 seconds and Josh Shalla made it 2-0 nine minutes later.

And Brett Perlini popped in No 3 two minutes after that.

It was Peter LcBlanc's power play strike which opened Flyers' account. He was set up by Liam Heelis and Carlo Finucci three minutes later.

Panthers hit their fourth through a David Clarke on a power play after 30 minutes with Perlini claiming his second assist of the night.

But Young's first goal sparked Flyers. He netted after 33 minutes with Ricards Birzins assisting.

Gauthier claimed Flyers' third with 53 minutes on the clock with James Isaacs and Russ Moyer setting up the chance.

And Chase Schaber grabbed the equaliser unassisted after Fife's coaching staff gambled by removing netminder Andy Iles. He counted after 58min 51sec.

The stage was then set for Young, a former ECHL (East Coast Hockey League) player, and he delivered.

Schools in west and southwest of the city to be replaced or refurbished

The City of Edinburgh Council has announced plans to build two new schools in the south west of the city.



The proposed South West Edinburgh High School would replace Currie High School and Wester Hailes Education Centre. In addition there would be a West Edinburgh High School.

Balerno High School would be refurbished and expanded and a new primary school, Maybury Primary School, would be built.

[tweet_box design="default"]In all 13 primary schools and 7 secondary schools in the west and south west of the city would be affected by Edinburgh Council's plans.[/tweet_box]

These include the catchment areas of

- Balerno High
- Craigmount High
- Currie High
- Forrester High
- The Royal High
- Tynecastle High
- Wester Hailes Education Centre (WHEC)

Under the proposals which are now under consultation these changes are put forward:

Currie Primary School pupils would go to Balerno High

Nether Currie Primary School pupils would go to South West High

Juniper Green Primary School pupils would go to South West High

Sighthill Primary School pupils would go to Forrester High

Canal View Primary School pupils would go to South West High

Clovenstone Primary pupils would go to South West High

Hillwood Primary School pupils would go to West Edinburgh High

Roseburn Primary School pupils would go to Tynecastle High

Ratho Primary School pupils would go to West Edinburgh High

There are other proposals for the new housing in the area and some catchment areas will be realigned.



Cllr Ian Perry, Convener of Education, Children and Families at the City of Edinburgh Council, said: "With Edinburgh being

such a thriving and successful city, more and more people are coming to live here so we need to build the extra homes. This will obviously have a big impact on our schools with extra pupils which they will struggle to cope with.

“We need to ensure we can provide places for these additional children and that is why we are reviewing school provision across the whole city. This strategic approach means Edinburgh will be well-placed to meet the future challenges our schools face.

“So, we have to get this right to ensure what we do now will serve our school communities for the next 30 to 40 years as these additional children come through our education system. It’s not about looking at just the next few years but planning ahead for future generations.”

A review will cover all schools in Edinburgh but will focus first on the south and west where the largest increase in the school roll is expected.

In this area schools including Currie High School, Balerno High School and Wester Hailes Education Centre need some major improvement works or replacement.

In west Edinburgh 4,000 new homes are proposed and in the south west there are plans to build 700 new homes. This could mean an extra 1300 primary and secondary pupils in west Edinburgh and over 200 new pupils in the south west area.



Cllr Alison Dickie left is Vice-Convener of Education. She is pictured with Cllr Perry at the oprning of the new Ferryhill nursery in October 2017.

Cllr Alison Dickie, Vice Convener, of Education, Children and Families, at the City of Edinburgh Council, said: “The aim of publishing these proposals is to gauge the views of parents

and their school communities. It's so important we hear their voices – especially if they have any alternative proposals we could consider.

“The consultation over the coming months is an integral part of the review process however I must stress these proposals cannot be implemented without a statutory consultation process which would be the next step.

“It's important to remember that no decisions have been made so I would urge anyone who has views on the plans to feed back their comments so it can help shape any future statutory consultation.”

The Council will be holding events between 9 January 2018 and 9 February 2018 at all the affected schools. These events will be organised through the Parent Councils and will allow invited focus groups to discuss the proposals with Council officers.

In March 2018, the Education, Children and Families Committee will be provided with an update on the discussions that have taken place and recommendations about what should happen next.

Full details of the proposals can be found on the [Council website](#).

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Fireworks under discussion

Ash Denham, MSP for Edinburgh Eastern, Convened a Public Meeting earlier in the week with Emergency Services and Council Officials to Discuss Concerns and Solutions



75 community members attended a meeting last Monday evening, convened by Edinburgh Eastern MSP Ash Denham, to discuss concerns and solutions to antisocial behaviour that occurred during this year's Bonfire Night.

Ms Denham was joined by members of the police and fire services and officials from The City of Edinburgh Council.



Police and fire representatives gave a summary of the preventative measures taken before Bonfire Night and an overview of what happened that evening. Representatives remarked that there was an upsurge in violence that they had not experienced in previous years.

An investigation into the violence, which saw 50 youths burning vehicles and setting fireworks off at members of the public and emergency services, is ongoing.

Representatives from emergency services and the Council said

they are working together to do an internal review of planning, resources and tools to ensure they can adequately respond and prevent similar antisocial behaviour.

Community members in attendance voiced various concerns, particularly access to fireworks which people perceived as rockets to be used as weapons, and businesses' ability to sell them; adults buying fireworks for children; a general increase in antisocial behaviour on Bonfire Night over the last several years and lack of parental oversight; and ensuring there are enough youth services to target antisocial behaviour consistently.

One of the youngest participants, who was around 12 years old, was concerned that under 18s were making their own fireworks, stating they could be just as dangerous. She also added many youths were pressured into partaking in antisocial behaviour with fireworks.

Ms Denham had the following comment: "I am grateful that so many be turned out to discuss the events that took place on Bonfire Night. It is important that these matters be tackled as a community and that people get a chance to raise issues and solutions.

"Many people were rightfully concerned and upset, so I am thankful that emergency services and council officials were able to explain what has and will be done to address antisocial behaviour and keep the community safe.

"There were a number of ideas put forward, including increasing penalties for the type of antisocial behaviour that took place, banning bonfires altogether, increasing CCTV, and arranging some sort of community-led Bonfire Night event for youths to take part in.

"The majority of attendees were also of the opinion that the fireworks should be banned except for public displays. I agree with this stance, and will continue to press the UK Government

to devolve all fireworks laws to Scotland so the Scottish Parliament can legislate appropriately.

“In the meantime, I will continue to work with emergency services and the Council to address concerns brought up at last night’s meeting.”

Police Scotland’s investigation into Bonfire Night crimes is ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the police.

Brandon Barker disappointed with Hibs’ result after good performance at Hamilton



Hibs’ on-loan midfielder Brandon Barker believes that Hibs should have taken all three points at the SuperSeal Stadium yesterday after totally dominating throughout.

The Manchester City youngster provided the assist for goal with a superb run and pass to Simon Murray who finished with a spectacular strike and he believes that but for some bad luck and a fine performance from Hamilton’s keeper then Hibs would have won comfortably.

Speaking to Hibernian Media immediately after the final whistle, Barker said: “It’s a hard place to come but we thought we dominated, especially in the first half and we thought we should have been three up.

“If we are being honest with ourselves they have one chance and they score which is so disappointing but we put in a good performance and there are a lot of positive to take from the game.

“I was playing in the hole which is enjoyable for me and the gaffer told me to just get the ball when I can and just run and that’s what I did.

“I have a good relationship with Simon (Murray) and I played him in and it was an unbelievable finish from him and it was a good assist from myself but the finish made the goal.

“We had two really good chances but the keeper has made two unbelievable saves. We didn’t have the luck on our side today.