

COUNCILLOR UPDATE

16TH NOV 2022

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UPDATES

- Consultations
 - Short Term Let Guidance = 22nd December
 - Council Housing Survey = 23rd December
 - Licensing Board - 30th December
 - 20mph proposals – 8th February
- Political management arrangement (December 2022)
 - Committee Structure
- Budgets

SK WORK

6-MONTH UPDATE

1. Ward
2. Council & Committees
3. Admin / Misc.

WARD

Case Work (emails, home visit, site visit etc.)

- Individuals, Community Councils / Committees, organisations, schools Examples of casework: Roads, school placement, STL objections, homelessness etc.)

Surgery

- (3rd Saturday at Newington Library @11am / 3rd Monday at Cameron House @12noon / and by appointment). (see poster)

Funding

- Shared Prosperity Fund / Community Grants

Events and ceremonies (e.g. Remembrance Sunday)

Out with Ward (Morningside, City Centre, Liberton, Inchpark, Astley Ainslie etc.)

COMMITTEE SERVICES / COUNCIL SERVICES

Full council

- Care Experienced - Guaranteed Interview Scheme
- Care Experienced – Protected Characteristic

Housing, Homelessness, Fair Work

Education, Children and Families

- Area Support Team (Children’s Hearing Scotland)
- Consultative Committee with Parents
- Corporate Parenting Board
- Head Teacher Recruitment
- School Placement Appeals

Motion by the SNP Group

The City of Edinburgh Council – 24 November 2022

Care Experienced – Protected Characteristic

Council:

- 1.1 Recognises our collective responsibility as corporate parents and our commitment for the delivery of 'The Promise' that Scotland's children and young people will grow up loved, safe, and respected.
- 1.2 Agrees the Council should add 'Care Experienced' as an additional protected characteristic in the Council's Integrated Impact Assessments where Care Experienced people is used to describe anyone who is currently, or has been, in the care system. For example, kinship care, looked after at home, foster care, residential care, secure homes, and adoption.
- 1.3 Notes that the addition of this protected characteristic would formally recognise the impact of any policies and decision making might have on care experienced people.
- 1.4 Notes that councils in Manchester, Cumbria, Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council, and Ashfield District Council in Nottinghamshire have made a similar move to include Care Experienced as a protected characteristic.
- 1.5 Requests a report to the Education, Children and Families Committee in two cycles to scope the implementation of this additional protected characteristic.

Motion by the SNP Group

The City of Edinburgh Council – 25 August 2022

Care Experienced – Guaranteed Interview Scheme

Council:

- 1.1 Acknowledges that people with care experience do not have equal opportunities to access positive destinations.
- 1.2 Recognises that care experienced individuals require additional support to navigate the work environment due to trauma and adversity.
- 1.3 Notes current workplan and renews its commitment to #KeepThePromise
- 1.4 Agrees to explore options to record if an applicant is care experienced when applying for jobs within the Council.
- 1.5 Guarantees to interview all applicants who are care experienced, provided they meet the essential criteria for that job.
- 1.6 Agrees to collect data to periodically monitor and review the impact of this guarantee on outcomes for individuals.
- 1.7 Signposts care experienced applicants to advisors and initiatives (including Through Care and After Care, Edinburgh Guarantee, and others) if
 - a) applications do not meet essential criteria or
 - b) are not successful following an interviewto help provide further support and signpost to develop CVs, apply for apprenticeships, work, training, or further education.
- 1.8 Encourages all political parties to offer taster days, work experience of internship to care experienced individuals

Moved by Councillor Simita Kumar

Seconded by Councillor

ADMIN AND OTHERS

Email responses

- Administrative support - Debbie Webster (0.2FTE)

Chair SNP Cllrs. Group

Spokesperson – Fair Work, Economy, Equalities

BME Work / Equalities Work

- Equity in Funding
- Sir Geoff Palmer (Edinburgh Award)
- Saroj Lal Awards
- Islamophobia Definition

Motion by the SNP Group

The City of Edinburgh Council – 24th November 2022 Adoption of Islamophobia Definition

Council:

- 1.1 Recognises that Edinburgh is home to a significant Muslim population for generations and that our Muslim citizens are an integral part of all aspects of city life.
- 1.2 Unequivocally condemns prejudice and intolerance in all forms and recognises that Islamophobia is rooted in racism.
- 1.3 Therefore welcomes, endorses, and adopts the working APPG (All-Party Parliamentary Group) definition of Islamophobia, including examples of holding Muslims to double standards, asking Muslims to account for actions of others based on nothing more than being of the same religion and making dehumanising, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Muslims-painting Muslims as a threat.
- 1.4 Agrees to continue to tackle hate crime and Islamophobia in partnership with communities, Police Scotland and other stakeholders.
- 1.5 Further agrees as a first step to support Islamophobia Awareness Month in November 2022 to use Council communication channels to bring understanding and attention to the scourge of Islamophobia and encourage better reporting of incidents to the police.
- 1.6 Also requests a report within 3 cycles to Policy and Sustainability Committee detailing how the APPG definition can be embedded across Council work and consider how Council can raise awareness of crime motivated by prejudice on the grounds of actual or perceived religion.

Moved by Councillor Simita Kumar

Seconded by Councillor

Scottish National Party (SNP) Councillor
Southside / Newington (Ward 15)

Simita Kumar



Surgeries:

When	Where
3 rd Monday, 12.00pm – 13.00pm	Cameron House Community Education Centre, 34 Prestonfield Avenue, Edinburgh EH16 5EU
3 rd Saturday, 11.00am – 12.00pm	Newington Library, 17 Fountainhall Road, Edinburgh, EH9 2LN

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Serving the communities of Southside Newington Ward

Blackford, Cameron Toll, The Grange, Mayfield, Prestonfield, Sciennes

