CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (LEITH LINKS AND SURPLUS FIRE FUND) BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTES

(AND OTHER ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS)

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As required under Rule 9A.2 of the Parliament’s Standing Orders, the following documents are published to accompany the City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Bill introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 5 September 2013:

- Explanatory Notes;
- a Promoter’s Statement; and
- the Presiding Officer’s Statement on legislative competence.

A Promoter’s Memorandum is printed separately as SP Bill 37–PM.

This document also includes an Assignation of Copyright/Licensing Agreement under Rule 9A.2.3(e) and the Promoter’s Statement on legislative competence given in accordance with Rule 9A.2.3(za). These items are also published separately by the promoter.
EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1. These Explanatory Notes have been prepared by Brodies LLP on behalf of the promoter, City of Edinburgh Council (―the Council‖), in order to assist the reader of the City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Bill (“the Bill”) and to help inform debate on it. They do not form part of the Bill and have not been endorsed by the Parliament.

2. The Notes should be read in conjunction with the Bill. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Bill. So where a section or schedule, or a part of a section or schedule, does not seem to require any explanation or comment, none is given.

THE BILL

3. The first recorded rules of the game of golf were created in 1744, by the golfers playing at Leith Links. In order to commemorate this event, the Leith Rules Golf Society (the “Society”) wishes to erect a statue on Leith Links of John Rattray, a leading golfer at the Links at that time.

4. Section 22 of the Schedule to the City of Edinburgh District Council Order Confirmation Act 1991 (the “1991 Act”) prohibits the construction of buildings on Leith Links other than buildings falling into certain specified categories. The list of permitted categories does not include monuments or statues.

5. The Bill will amend section 22 of the Schedule to the 1991 Act to create an exception in respect of that particular statue, but otherwise leaves the existing building restrictions in place. While the Bill removes the current statutory obstacle to the construction of the statue, the Bill does not itself authorise its construction. The Council granted planning permission in respect of the statue on 18 April 2013.

6. The Bill also makes provision in respect of the Surplus Fire Fund (the “Fund”), which is a registered Scottish Charity (Charity number SC018967). It was originally established after a series of fires in the High Street in Edinburgh in 1824, and was transferred to the Edinburgh Corporation (now the City of Edinburgh Council) by section 71 of the Schedule to the Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Act 1927 (“the 1927 Act”). The Council is the sole trustee of the Fund. The charitable purposes for which the Fund assets may currently be applied are set out in section 41 of the Schedule to the 1991 Act, being essentially the same purposes as were set out in section 572 of the Schedule to the Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Act 1967 (“the 1967 Act”), and are as follows:

- the relief of any persons suffering injury, or of the dependents of persons who have lost their lives or have suffered serious injury, in or in connection with fires within the district; and
- making awards or grants to persons who have rendered meritorious service in connection with fires within the district.
The Bill will:

- amend the purposes for which the Fund can be applied in order to make those purposes more flexible;
- transfer the property, rights, interests and liabilities of the Fund to a well-administered and active charitable body – the Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Trust (“EVOT”) (charity number SC031561), with the assets to be held in a restricted fund and subject to the same amended purposes; and
- thereafter dissolve the Fund.

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 1: Modification of restriction on buildings in certain parks

8. Section 1 amends section 22 of the Schedule to the 1991 Act, which prohibits the erection of buildings on Leith Links other than buildings falling into specified categories, by creating an exception to that prohibition for the proposed statue of John Rattray.

Section 2: Purposes for which the Surplus Fire Fund may be applied

9. Subsection (1) limits the trustees of the Fund to applying it only in accordance with subsections (2) and (3).

10. Subsection (2) sets out the purposes for which the trustees must apply the Fund.

11. Subsection (3) provides that awards, grants, payments and other benefits in respect of injury or death, or in respect of damage to domestic premises or household contents, may only be made to, or conferred upon, individuals residing within the Council area.

12. Subsection (4) ensures that any other provision, in earlier legislation or any trust deed, that specifies purposes for which the Fund may be used no longer has effect. This ensures that the Fund may only be used for the purposes set out in this section.

Section 3: Transfer of property, rights, interests and liabilities

13. Subsection (1) transfers all property, rights, interests and liabilities of the Fund to EVOT.

14. Subsection (3) makes EVOT a party to any contract entered into by the Fund. This ensures that the other party or parties to any such contract are not prejudiced by the transfer of the Fund’s assets etc to EVOT, nor by the Fund’s dissolution under section 5.

15. Subsection (4) ensures that the transfer of any particular property, right, interest or liability of the Fund is not precluded or prejudiced because of the absence of any delivery, possession or intimation of assignation that would otherwise be required for such a transfer to be valid.
16. Subsection (5) ensures that the transfer of any property, right, interest or liability is not precluded or prejudiced because of the absence of a disposition, conveyance or assignation that would otherwise be required.

17. Subsection (6) ensures that any legal proceedings brought by or against the Fund at the date of transfer may be continued by or against EVOT. This ensures that any such proceedings are not frustrated because of the transfer of the Fund’s property, rights, interests and liabilities to EVOT, nor by the Fund’s dissolution under section 5.

Section 4: Restrictions on the transferee following transfer

18. Subsection (1) ensures that EVOT must hold the property transferred to it, and any income deriving from it, separately from its other assets, as restricted funds.

19. Subsection (2) restricts EVOT to using that fund for the same purposes, and subject to the same condition, as are set out in section 2.

20. Subsections (3) to (5) permit the Fire Brigades Union (“FBU”) to nominate up to two individuals who will be entitled to attend any EVOT meetings at which the restricted funds are discussed. Those individuals must receive the same notice of the meeting as EVOT’s trustees and may contribute to any discussions at the meeting relating to the restricted funds. They may also access documents relating to the restricted funds on the same terms as any other EVOT trustee or committee member. However, they are not entitled to vote on any matter.

21. Subsection (6) makes provision for the FBU’s rights under this section to be transferred to another organisation representing professional firefighters in the event that the FBU ceases to exist.

Section 5: Dissolution and repeal

22. Section 5 dissolves the Fund and repeals the provisions of the 1927 Act, 1967 Act and 1991 Act relating to it.

Section 7: Commencement

23. The provisions creating the exception for the statue on Leith Links and changing the purposes of the Fund come into force the day after Royal Assent. The transfer of the Fund’s property, rights, interests and liabilities takes place at the end of 7 days beginning with the day of Royal Assent. The Fund is dissolved the day after the transfer.
NOTIFICATION TO PERSONS WITH INTEREST IN HERITABLE PROPERTY

1. This part of the statement is provided under Rule 9A.2.3(d)(i) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders. That Rule applies because the Bill contains provisions which may affect heritable property.

2. No heritable property will be acquired compulsorily or made subject to temporary possession as a result of the Bill. Accordingly, the persons having an interest in heritable property that may be affected by the Bill consist of persons with an interest in property abutting Leith Links or adjacent to (i.e. directly across the road from) the boundary of Leith Links. Notice of the intention to introduce a Bill was given by means of a notification provided to each of these properties. Notifications were hand-delivered by two Council officers on 30 May, 3 June and 4 June 2013. A signed acknowledgement of delivery was obtained from the recipient where possible. Where that was not possible the officers left the notification at the premises and provided written confirmation of delivery. Hand delivery was not possible at three premises, and so notices were sent to those properties by recorded delivery post. The Royal Mail’s online Track and Trace service confirmed that the notices were delivered to the recipients on 11 and 12 June and 20 July 2013. There are a number of allotments on the north side of the eastern part of Leith Links, which are owned by the Council but leased by individual plot holders. A copy of the notification was posted on the notice board at the allotment site. The notification is appended to this Statement as Annex 1.

3. The methodology for identifying the relevant properties was using the Council’s Geographic Information System, in coordination with the Council’s Corporate Address Gazetteer data, to identify those properties abutting Leith Links or adjacent to (i.e. directly across the road from) the boundary of Leith Links. The list of properties produced by that system was then checked by a Council officer walking the boundary of Leith Links and confirming that all the properties meeting those criteria had been identified, and that the list did not include properties that did not meet those criteria.

4. This approach encompassed significantly more properties than received notice of the Society’s planning application in respect of the statue.

5. The Council took the view that identifying the specific individuals with interests in the relevant properties would in the circumstances be a disproportionately costly and time-consuming exercise, for the following reasons: (1) the Bill is likely to have only a very limited effect on any heritable properties; (2) it will neither alter nor affect any individual’s heritable interest in such properties; (3) the public consultation on the Bill included a leaflet drop to the relevant properties but generated little response (as narrated in the accompanying Promoter’s Memorandum); and (4) the Society’s planning application was notified to a (much smaller) number of properties in the vicinity of the proposed statue site on 19 February 2013, and advertised in the Evening News on 22 February 2013, with a request for comment within 21 days. However, no public responses or representations were received in respect of the application (as also narrated in the accompanying Promoter’s Memorandum). The notice was therefore
addressed to the owner/occupier of each identified property, and emphasised that, if the recipient
was not the owner, the recipient should bring the notice to the owner’s attention promptly.

NOTIFICATION TO AND CONSENT FROM MEMBERS ETC.

6. This part of the statement is provided under Rule 9A.2.3(d)(ii) of the Parliament’s
Standing Orders. That Rule applies to the Bill because the promoter is a body corporate.

7. Section 82 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (as amended) requires that a
local authority promoting private legislation must pass a resolution to promote the legislation and
a further confirmatory resolution after the Bill has been introduced. At least ten clear days’
otice of each of the meetings at which these resolutions are voted on and of the purpose of the
meetings must be given by advertisement in one or more newspapers circulating in the local
authority’s area. Such notice must be given in addition to the ordinary notice required to be given
for convening a meeting of the local authority. Both resolutions require to be passed by a
majority of the whole number of the members of the local authority.

8. In accordance with section 82 a meeting of the Council was held on 31 January 2013
when a resolution to approve the promotion of the Bill was proposed.

9. Notice of the meeting was published in the Edinburgh Evening News on 14 January
2013. That notice was in the following terms:

“The City of Edinburgh Council

Statutory meeting under section 82 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

Notice is hereby given under section 82 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973
that a meeting of The City of Edinburgh Council will be held at City Chambers, High
Street, Edinburgh on 31 January 2013 at 10am to consider and, if thought fit, approve and
adopt a resolution that the City of Edinburgh Council promote a private Bill in the
Scottish Parliament, to be known as the City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and
Surplus Fire Fund) Bill for the following purposes:

1. To amend section 22 of the City of Edinburgh District Council Order Confirmation Act
1991 so as to create an exception to the prohibition on the construction of monuments on
Leith Links;

2. To amend the purposes for which the Surplus Fire Fund, a registered Scottish charity
(SC018967), may be applied;

3. To transfer the property, rights, interests and liabilities of the Surplus Fire Fund from
the Council (currently the sole trustee of the Fund) to the Edinburgh Voluntary
Organisations Trust, a registered Scottish charity (SC031561); and

4. To then dissolve the Surplus Fire Fund.”
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10. The members of the Council also received an email on 25 January 2013 with the agenda for the meeting, as well as a link to a report setting out the background to the proposal to introduce a Bill and the reasons why a resolution to do so was being sought, including the results of the consultation exercise undertaken by the Council. The agenda and report are available at http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2898/ (the report is item 8.3).

11. The resolution was agreed unanimously at the meeting on 31 January 2013, with 54 of the 58 Council members in attendance. The resolution as passed was in three parts, as follows:

   “To promote legislation by way of a Private Bill to create a narrow exception to the 1991 Act in order to remove the prohibition against statues being built on Leith Links, such exception to be solely for a statue of John Rattray;”

   “To promote legislation to amend the purposes of the Surplus Fire Fund, and to transfer the assets, rights and liabilities of the Surplus Fire Fund to EVOT to be applied subject to the same purposes and conditions, and then to dissolve the Surplus Fire Fund;”

   and

   “To do so as one Private Bill dealing with both proposals.”

12. In accordance with section 82, a further meeting of the Council will be asked to confirm that resolution in a meeting held as soon as may be after the expiration of fourteen days after the Bill has been introduced. If the resolution is not confirmed by a majority of all members the Council will take all necessary steps to withdraw the Bill.

NOTIFICATION TO AND CONSENT FROM BODY AFFECTED

13. The Bill makes provision modifying the constitution of the Fund, but the Council is the sole trustee of the Fund. Accordingly, no notification was required under Rule 9A.2.3(d)(iii) separately from that provided under Rule 9A.2.3(d)(ii), as set out above. The Bill does not contain any provisions conferring powers upon or modifying the constitution of any other body corporate or unincorporated association named in the Bill but not being the promoters.

ADVERTISEMENT OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE THE BILL

14. Notice of the intention to introduce the Bill was published in the Scotsman on 11 and 18 December 2012 and in the Edinburgh Evening News on 11 and 18 December 2012, and has been displayed from 6 December 2012 in the libraries detailed below. The text of the notice is reproduced at Annex 2 to this statement (the final paragraph, concerning the public meetings, was removed from the library notices on 7 March 2013, as the meetings had already taken place).
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**INSPECTION AND PURCHASE OF DOCUMENTS**

15. The Bill and accompanying documents (including the Assignation of Copyright/Licensing Agreement and Promoter’s Statement on Legislative Competence), and other documents relevant to the Bill but which are not accompanying documents (being a plan and an artist’s impression showing the statue and its intended location on Leith Links, photographs of a replica model of the statue, the 1927 Act, the 1967 Act and the 1991 Act), may be inspected at:

- The City of Edinburgh Council, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG
- Leith Library, 28-30 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, EH6 4HE
- Central Library, 7-9 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EG
16. The Bill and accompanying documents are also available on the Scottish Parliament’s website (www.scottish.parliament.uk, go to ‘Parliamentary Business’, then ‘Bills’, then click on ‘Current Bills’).

17. The Assignation of Copyright/Licensing Agreement and Promoter’s Statement on Legislative Competence, and the other documents relevant to the Bill but which are not accompanying documents, may be purchased (for 10p per page for black and white and 30p per page for colour) at the City of Edinburgh Council address noted above. Electronic copies of the documents may be obtained free of charge by emailing leithlinksandfirefund.consultation@edinburgh.gov.uk.

18. On 5 September 2013 the following statement was made:

“We, the City of Edinburgh Council, hereby undertake to send copies of the Assignation of Copyright/Licensing Agreement and Promoter’s statement on legislative competence accompanying the City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Bill, together with any other documents relevant to the Bill submitted to the Parliament on or after introduction, to the premises determined by the Presiding Officer for the purpose of Rule 9A.4.2.”

PROMOTER’S UNDERTAKING TO PAY COSTS

19. On 5 September 2013 the following statement was made:

“We, the City of Edinburgh Council, hereby undertake to pay any costs that may be incurred by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body during the passage of the City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Bill in respect of the matters determined by that Body under Rule 9A.2.3(d)(vi) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders.”

ANNEXES: FORM OF NOTICES SENT TO PERSONS AFFECTED AND NEWSPAPER NOTICES ETC.

Annex 1: Text of notice sent to persons with an interest in heritable property that may be affected by the Bill

Dear Sir/Madam

City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Bill

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the City of Edinburgh Council intends to introduce a Private Bill, the City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Bill (“the Bill”), into the Scottish Parliament on or around 14 June 2013 and of the procedures involved should you wish to seek further information regarding the Bill, the parliamentary process to which it will be subject, or how to lodge an objection to the Bill.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend section 22 of the Schedule to the Edinburgh District Council Order Confirmation Act 1991 (“the 1991 Act”), which currently prohibits the
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construction of any permanent buildings on Leith Links, other than buildings of a specified description. Statues and monuments are not included in the categories of permitted buildings. The Leith Rules Golf Society wishes to commemorate the creation of the first recorded rules of golf at Leith Links in 1744 by erecting a statue of John Rattray, the leading golfer at Leith Links at the time. The Council intends to promote the Bill in order to introduce a limited exception to the current restriction in section 22 of the Schedule to the 1991 Act. The effect of the Bill would be that the construction of that particular statue would no longer be prohibited by the 1991 Act, though the Bill would not itself authorise the construction of the statue. Planning permission was granted by the Council in respect of the statue on 18 April 2013, on the grounds that the proposals complied with the Council’s development plan and the relevant non-statutory guidelines, and would preserve the character and appearance of the conservation area and have no effect on residential amenity.

The Bill also seeks to amend the purposes of the Surplus Fire Fund, a charitable endowment for which the Council is currently the sole trustee, and to then transfer the property, rights and liabilities of the Surplus Fire Fund from the Council to the Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Trust (“EVOT”).

This letter is sent to you on the basis that your property would be affected by the Bill to the extent that the Bill may lead to the construction and presence of the statue of John Rattray on Leith Links. IF YOU ARE NOT THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY, PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS LETTER IS PROMPTLY BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE OWNER.

The day after the Bill is introduced in the Parliament, it will be published by the Parliament together with the following accompanying documents—

- Explanatory Notes
- Promoter’s Memorandum
- Promoter’s Statement
- Statements by the promoter and by the Presiding Officer of the Parliament on the legislative competence of the Bill

The day after introduction, the Bill and the above documents will be available on the Parliament’s website (www.scottish.parliament.uk, go to ‘Parliamentary Business’, then ‘Bills’, then click on ‘Current Bills’). In addition, copies of the Bill and its accompanying documents will be available for inspection at the following premises—

- Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG
- Leith Library, 28-30 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, EH6 4HE
- Central Library, 7-9 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EG

Other documents that are relevant to the Bill (a plan and artist’s impression showing the statue and its intended location, photographs of a replica model of the statue, and the 1991 Act) will also be available for inspection at the above premises. Copies may be
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purchased (for 10p per page for black and white and 30p per page for colour) at Waverley Court, or obtained free of charge by emailing leithlinksandfirefund.consultation@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Once the Bill has been introduced, it will be subject to a three Stage process where it will be considered in detail both by a specially established Private Bill Committee and by the full Parliament.

Should you wish to object to the Bill, you will have 60 days to do so. The objection period commences the day after the Bill is introduced and ends at 5.00 pm on the sixtieth day thereafter. Where the sixtieth day falls on a day when the Office of the Clerk is closed, the period ends at 5.00 pm on the first day after that sixtieth day on which the office of the Clerk is open. Objections must be lodged with the Non-Government Bills Unit, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP (0131 348 5246, private.bills@scottish.parliament.uk).

A copy of the Parliament’s Guidance on Private Bills, which explains in greater detail the procedures involved in the Private Bill process (including information about objections), is available on the Parliament’s website (www.scottish.parliament.uk, go to ‘Parliamentary Business’ and then to ‘Parliamentary Procedure’). A leaflet containing information for prospective objectors is also available on the Parliament’s website – from “Parliamentary Business”, go to “Bills”, “Bills Explained” and then “Private Bills”.

If you wish to lodge an objection, you will require to conform to the admissibility criteria set out in the Parliament’s Standing Orders (its rules of procedure). Objections are required to—

- be in English or Gaelic;
- be printed, typed or clearly hand-written;
- set out clearly the name, address and, where available, other contact details of the objector (telephone, e-mail and fax);
- be signed (where applicable by a person duly authorised and showing that person’s position or designation) and dated;
- set out the nature of the objection i.e. why the objector opposes the Bill;
- explain whether the objection is to the whole Bill and/or specified provisions in which case these should be clearly identified;
- specify how the objector’s interests would be adversely affected by the Bill, for example because of anticipated loss of earnings, or reduction in property values, adverse impact on employment or business, loss of amenity etc; and
- be accompanied by the lodging fee determined by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (currently £20.00).
It is important to emphasise that an objection must explain whether it is against the whole Bill and/or specified provisions. In either case the objection must specify how the objector’s interests will be adversely affected by the Bill.

All admissible objections will be posted on the Parliament’s website (but with all personal details, other than the names of objectors, removed).

For further details on the Private Bill process and, in particular, the objection process, please contact the Non-Government Bills Unit (0131 348 5246, private.bills@scottish.parliament.uk). For further details on the subject matter of the Bill please contact Lizzie McCabe at The City of Edinburgh Council, 3.1 Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG or at leithlinksandfirefund.consultation@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Annex 2: Text of public notice of intention to promote the Bill

Notice of proposed Private Bill

The City of Edinburgh Council intends to introduce a Private Bill, the City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Bill, into the Scottish Parliament in or around February 2013.

The Bill has two purposes:

1. To create a limited exception to section 22 of the Schedule to the Edinburgh District Council Order Confirmation Act 1991, which currently prohibits the construction of monuments on Leith Links, so that it would no longer prohibit the erection of a statue of John Rattray. The Leith Rules Golf Society wishes to erect a statue in order to commemorate the creation of the first recorded rules of golf at Leith Links in 1744.

2. To amend the purposes for which the Surplus Fire Fund (a charity that makes grants to victims of fire) may be applied, and to transfer the assets of the Fund from the Council to the Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Trust.

When it is introduced, the Bill will be accompanied by:

- Explanatory Notes*
- Promoter’s Memorandum*
- Promoter’s Statement*
- Statement by the Parliament’s Presiding Officer on the Bill’s legislative competence*
- Assignation of copyright and licensing agreement

From the day after introduction, the Bill and the documents marked with an asterisk will be available on the Parliament’s website (www.scottish.parliament.uk). Applications for reproduction of the Bill and those accompanying documents should be made in writing to
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the Information Policy Team, Office of the Queen’s Printer for Scotland, Admail, ADM4058, Edinburgh, EH1 1NG or by email to: licensing@oqps.gov.uk. The Bill and all the accompanying documents will also be available for inspection at the following public libraries:

- Leith Library, 28-30 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, EH6 4HE
- Central Library, 7-9 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EG

There is a 60 day period for objections that starts the day after the Bill is introduced. Objections must be accompanied by a lodging fee of £20 and lodged with the clerks in the Non-Government Bills Unit, the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP. Detailed guidance about Private Bill procedures, including admissibility criteria for objections, can be found on the Parliament website or obtained from the clerks in the Non-Government Bills Unit (“NGBU”) by writing to the address above, emailing ngbu@scottish.parliament.uk, or calling 0131 348 5246.

Additional information about the content of the Bill may be obtained by request in writing from Lizzie McCabe, The City of Edinburgh Council, 3.1 Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG or by email at leithlinksandfirefund.consultation@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Public meetings will be held at Thomas Morton Hall, Ferry Road, Leith on Wednesday 19 December 2012 from 6pm until 8pm (in respect of Leith Links) and in the Council Chamber, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh on Thursday 20 December 2012 from 5.30pm until 7.30pm (in respect of the Surplus Fire Fund). Representatives of the Council and the NGBU will be available to provide further information on the Bill and to address any questions or comments. Those wishing to attend the meetings must arrive no later than one hour after the meeting commences.

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PROMOTER’S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE
On 5 September 2013, Brodies LLP, on behalf of the City of Edinburgh Council, made the following statement:

“In our view, the provisions of the City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

PRESIDING OFFICER’S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE
On 5 September 2013, the Presiding Officer (Rt Hon Tricia Marwick MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”
These documents relate to the City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Bill (SP Bill 37) as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 5 September 2013

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