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 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.