

1. There has been a certain amount of anger and dismay about the way that the tree-felling in East Princes Street Gdns has occurred, seemingly, with little, if any public information. The original planning permission- then revised, lacked detail, and a condition was imposed to get further information. It is unclear if this was done and whose responsibility it was.

It is to be discussed at the NTBCC on November 12th.

The subsequent arrival of the Christmas market on the site should also be discussed, with reference to the further deterioration in the soil structure and damage to remaining trees.

2. There is no date yet for the Waste and Cleansing Forum.

A letter will be written to Andy Williams, Waste and Cleansing Manager, with regard to the confusion surrounding changes to kerbside bin and food waste collections, and the roll out of labelling for garden waste collections.

3. A meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership was held on 1st November.

There was a presentation by Nicky Brown, from the CEC Homelessness Task Force, outlining the various initiatives that Edinburgh is undertaking to reduce the homelessness problem.

There are many different groups requiring housing - young people discharged from the care system, refugees, and individuals from broken families.

The CEC is moving away from Bed and Breakfast accommodation to 'shared housing' which provides better cooking and laundry facilities.

There is also the Emergency support service which will provide help through Social Bite funding.

The Partnership also heard from a member of Street Works who recommended that they should be the first line for help with the problem of rough sleepers. Street Works have a hub on Holyrood Rd which provides social and medical help.

Anna Herriman gave an update on the George Street and First New Town project.

There is also continuing discussion of the role of Neighbourhood Partnership with the governance of the CEC.