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Agenda Items for NTBCC meeting of 13 July 2026:

1. The last CEC meeting of Culture & Communities was held on 8 June 2026.

   Items for Decision:
   1.1. Firework Control Zones.
   1.2. Edinburgh Festival Carnival & Mardi Gras 2026.

   Motions:

   1.3. Public access to private shared gardens.

Report for NTBCC

Firework Control Zones (FCZs)

CEC's report to the Committee:

In 2024, the Council designated four FCZs, in Balerno, Calton Hill, Niddrie and Seafield. In 2025, the Council designated nine FCZs following the application process. In addition to the four agreed in 2024, zones were introduced in Corstorphine, Moredun, Gracemount, Longstone and Sighthill/Broomhouse.

For 2026 the Council propose, in addition to the original four, FCZs for Corstorphine, Liberton Grange, Lochend, Longstone, Moredun, Sighthill/Broomhouse, Stenhouse/Gaskell Street, The Murrays (previously called Gracemount, West Pilton and Wester Hailes.

The report was agreed.

Edinburgh Festival Carnival & Mardi Gras 2026.

CEC's report to the Committee:

The Council proposes the award of £132,000 from the proceeds of the Visitor Levy to deliver an enhanced Festival Carnival (Sun 19 July in the Ross Bandstand and Gardens) and Mardi Gras as part of the Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival 2026 (Sat 18 July in the Grassmarket.)

The report was agreed

Public access to private shared gardens.

Motion proposed by Councillor Heep:

That the Committee requests by the December meeting of the Committee a report on a scheme for private gardens to be opened-up voluntarily to public access, possibly supported with Council offers of help with any increased maintenance, cleaning and insurance requirements resulting.

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An amended motion for No Action was proposed and was approved by 6 votes to 5.

Next meeting

Next meeting of Culture & Communities scheduled for 13 Aug 2026 – no agenda yet.

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13 July 2026.