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ASK THE CANDIDATES about COUNCIL SERVICES and PRIVATISATION THREATS

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Edinburgh Council wants to implement the largest privatisation of council services in Scotland.



This "Alternative Business Models" project will lead to...

PRIVATISATION

They want to privatise everything from street cleaning, to housing benefit to parks maintenance. Your Council Tax money will end up as profits and dividends in the pockets of rich shareholders.

We can see from the railways that privatisation means that profits are put above people's welfare and safety. Our Public Services should be based on public need not private greed.

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Yes, they want to hand over One Billion Pounds of your tax and public services to private companies. The private businesses tell the council that they can save millions but that means the city loses jobs and services. Our public services adapt to meet our needs, there will be little flexibility in a fixed contract and private companies will charge us a fortune for any changes.

Where is the democracy?

When will the council consult with the public on these issues? They even refuse to let you see the business plans. Neither the SNP nor Lib Dems - who run the council - said they would privatise our services. Why are they doing it? The public and Councillors will have little control over our services once they are handed over to private companies.