

## LOBBY EDINBURGH COUNCIL

8.30 - 10.00 Thursday 27 October, City Chambers, High Street

## Oppose privatisation! Consult the public!

Edinburgh Council is about to take a decision on the biggest privatisation of council services in Scottish history.

They haven't told the public about it, let alone consulted us!

They haven't set out the business case, nor assessed the full impact.

If it agrees plans to privatise services from street cleaning and housing benefit to parks maintenance, it will hand £1 billion over to private companies. Council tax money will end up as profits and dividends. It will mean job losses and lower wages.

The private companies say they can save millions of pounds but look at the trams contract!

Public services should be provided by public servants, based on public need not private greed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

You didn't think it could be...

WORSE THAN THE TRAMS!

STOP the council's £1billion

PRIVATISATION

of Edinburgh's services

The trams show the problems of outsourcing services:

"Guaranteed savings" end up as massive extra costs.

Once private companies get the contracts they try to squeeze profits from them by arguing over every detail. They'll charge a fortune for any new or changed service. That's what we've seen over and over again. We could waste millions on lawyers' fees.

## WHERE'S OUR SAY?

Why is the council refusing to consult with the people of Edinburgh?

No matter what your view Edinburgh Council should not jump into the biggest ever privatisation of council services without proper consultation.

Yet the Business Case is not available for public scrutiny and they have failed to carryout proper Environmental Assessments and Equalities Impact Assessments.

If the council will not consult with us then we need to tell them what we think.

## Be part of the campaign

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