

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

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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.

Public Meeting

**Organised by: Greater Leith
Against the Cuts**

Come and hear more about it

Date: 16th August 2011

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

**Place: Pilmeny Youth Centre,
44 Buchanan Street,
Edinburgh (Dalmeny St end)**

**Speakers: Local Councillors
invited**

Worse than the Trams!

6 reasons why privatisation of a billion pounds of council services could be an even bigger waste of money than the trams.

1. The private companies say that savings are "guaranteed", the same "guarantees" were made for the trams.
2. We could easily end up with no services getting delivered while disputes between the council and contractors end up in court. We could waste millions on lawyers' fees.
3. To cancel the trams now will cost almost as much as getting them built. The same madness could apply to these massive "Alternative Business Models" contracts if they fail.
4. What impact will privatisation have upon service quality?
5. The Council has failed to carry out proper environmental assessments, equalities assessments or consult with groups such as disabled service users.
6. They have failed to consult with the citizens of Edinburgh.

Please act now - Contact your local councillor and tell them what you think.

Check out the great video at - www.unison-edinburgh.org.uk/

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