



COUNCIL PRIVATISATION & £1 BILLION CUTS

ITS WORSE THAN THE TRAMS
TAKING YOU TO
WORK IN 2011



What is the alternative business model?

The council's term for privatisation of countless services within Edinburgh Council. Here are just some of the services under threat.

- RUBBISH COLLECTION, RECYCLING
- SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY CENTRES, YOUTH CLUBS
- CHILD CARE SERVICES
- STREET CLEANING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE
- REVENUES & BENEFITS

BEWARE!

- Privatisation will also affect 25% of the council's workforce, meaning job cuts, wage cuts and less job security
- Council hasn't consulted a single Edinburgh resident about these billion-pound plans despite promises that it's 'committed to actively engaging with staff and key stakeholders on these changes
- Audit Commission has found that 70% of these private partnerships fail, with few meeting the expected standard
- a second trams fiasco
- The contract will go to the lowest bidder, paying its workers the lowest wages and offering a second rate service
- Right now our council is democratically accountable to you, the voter. But if council services are privatised, we'll have no control
- Our council taxes should go to fund our city council, not into the wallets of multinational companies, their bosses and shareholders



We  Leith

NO TO THE ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS MODEL!



LEITHERS! URGENT QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR COUNCILORS



-  Why has the council already spent 3 million on learning how to manage these bids? Has the council already decided privatization will go ahead?
-  Why is no effort being put into in-house options for service improvement?
-  Who will have control of our services: private companies or the voters?
-  Why are we short listing companies that have been fined millions for price fixing and withholding information about fatal workplace accidents?
-  When will the council tell us the full details of what they are planning?
-  When will there be public consultation with Edinburgh residents?
-  How do we know contract costs won't spiral out of control?
-  The ABM contracts are for up to 12 years. What is the evidence for long term savings?
-  Will private companies just keep demanding more and more money for the same services?
-  How will the council guarantee the jobs remain in Edinburgh?
-  **WHERE IS THE HARD EVIDENCE IN FAVOUR OF PRIVATIZATION?**

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7-9pm September 28th
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