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Councillor Craig Mackay



Scottish National Party

LOCAL NEWS

Winter 2011/2012

## Night time economy - getting the balance right

Any major city can expect to have a vibrant night scene, and Glasgow certainly has a lot to offer. However these late night activities have to be balanced with the rights of local residents to enjoy their own flats and get a good night's sleep without being disturbed by noise and anti-social behaviour outside.

I have been receiving more complaints recently, regarding the two main nightlife hotspots of the Merchant City and Charing Cross area. While some issues have been straightforward to deal with, particularly where premises have been willing to co-operate, other issues have been particularly complex with no obvious solution.

I will continue to work with the various authorities and services, including Strathclyde Police, Glasgow Community & Safety Services, and Land and Environmental Services, to deal with complaints and seek permanent solutions to the recurring problems.

### DOG FOULING

Dog fouling is a major issue throughout the ward, and indeed the city as a whole. If you see any incidents, please don't ignore them – dog fouling spreads disease, and the minority of dog owners who don't take responsibility for their pets spoil the community for everyone else. Report them to the Council on 0800 027 7027.

I have met with Glasgow Community & Safety Services and discussed the local priorities for their Dog Fouling Initiative, which has so far targeted Anderston, Townhead and Garnethill.

There are a number of steps that can be taken to force irresponsible dog owners to clean up their act, but the council needs to know who is responsible before they can act to stop it.

### FLY-TIPPING

I have been dealing with a considerable number of issues relating to fly-tipping.

There are various areas in the ward, both private and public, where fly-tipping is regularly carried out.

The Council will often agree to clear the rubbish from these sites, but if it is a privately owned piece of land and the landowner does not take any action to clear the site the Council will clear the land and bill the owner. Keeping these sites clear helps discourage further fly-tipping

If you know of any fly-tipping blackspots or see anyone fly-tipping, please let me know, or contact the council directly on 0800 027 7027.

**AREA COMMITTEE GRANT FUNDING**

Anderston/City Area Committee deals with local issues and is a good forum for investigating local matters.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings. Area Committees are each allocated a budget which provides grants to local community and voluntary organisations.

As applications for funding should be developed locally, they have to demonstrate how they will benefit that area or community and are therefore not available for 'citywide' projects.

If you are involved in a local group and would like more information on an Area Committee Grant or what is going on at the Area Committee, further information can be obtained for our ward from:

North West Area Team  
tel: 0141 276 9900

**GET INVOLVED**

One of the best ways that individuals can become involved in their local area is to engage with their local Community Councils.

Community councillors across Anderston/City ward have a wealth of experience on how to contact appropriate services and how to get things done.

Certainly for City Councillors the Community Councils are invaluable to attend to keep us up to speed with the issues that are genuinely affecting local people.

It is usually the Community Council that instigates and marshals local action when there are planning or licensing applications that are considered not to be in the best interests of the local residents.

Community Councils are open public meetings, so feel free to attend your local meeting to find out what they are about.

**USEFUL NUMBERS**

**Glasgow City Council**  
Switchboard 0141 287 2000

**Clean Glasgow**  
0800 027 7027

**Noise Control** 0141 287 6688

**Roads and Lighting Faults (RALF)** 0800 373 635

**Strathclyde Police**  
0141 532 3000

**Abandoned Cars**  
0141 276 0859

**Pest Control** 0845 270 1558

**LES (bulk collections, needle uplift, refuse collection, street sweeping, waste disposal)** 0141 287 9700

**CONTACT COUNCILLOR MACKAY**

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**SURGERIES**

Tuesday 21 February, 6pm:  
**St Patrick's Primary School,**  
10 Perth Street

27 February, 6pm:  
**Overnewton Recreation Centre,** Yorkhill

Tuesday 13 March, 1.30pm:  
**Garnethill Multicultural Centre,** 21 Rose Street

Tuesday 20 March, 6pm:  
**St Patrick's Primary School,**  
10 Perth Street

Monday 26 March, 6pm:  
**Overnewton Recreation Centre,** Yorkhill

Tuesday 17 April, 6pm:  
**St Patrick's Primary School,**  
10 Perth Street

Monday 30 April, 6pm:  
**Overnewton Recreation Centre,** Yorkhill

**Residents' Survey**

What local issues matter to you most?

- Health
- Council Tax
- Education
- Housing
- Environment
- Social Care
- Crime
- Transport
- Other

Do you have any specific concern you would like to bring to Cllr Mackay's attention?

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Please return to:  
Cllr Craig Mackay, City Chambers, George Square, GLASGOW G2 1DU