

OFFICIAL – SENSITIVE

Events Planning and Operations Group (EPOG)

Terminal V | Royal Highland Centre | 18th & 19th April 2026

This meeting took place on Wednesday 4th February @ 10:00hrs via Microsoft Teams

Present:

City of Edinburgh Council

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Event Organisers

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Police Scotland

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G4S

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Amvale Medical

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Crexcell

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TLC

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Acoustics

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		19. ■ - Notes no concerns, thanks organisers for responding requests for documentation. Police Scotland to update resourcing strategies, and supply the Charging Document and Resource Proposal to the Event Organisers as soon as the Silver Commander has given confirmation.	
3	G4S	20. ■ – This event is business as usual, site plan is close to previous events. Resourcing strategy includes robust search area, patrol teams within, GP dogs were successful in previous events, we’ve expanded resourcing for that mitigation. We’ll have a covert team in play, the only time they’ll be seen by the Police will be if they need statements. There were several fines issued as a result, which shows how successful that program was. Steel Shielding will be of great benefit to the event. Crowd management plan has ensured there will be no issues with bottlenecks and capacity. 21. ■ – Introduces himself as supporting ■, happy to be contacted with any questions.	
4	Amvale Medical	22. ■ – We’re looking to supply 1 manager, 2 controllers, 5 ambulances, 4 paramedic & technician response teams that are assigned to each stage area, 24 first aiders, supported in the medical area by 4 doctors 10 nurses and a medical loggist. We will be running the same triage operation as in previous years. Patients will be seen by first aid team or paramedic response teams and then extricated to medical centre and then to welfare or us where appropriate. We’ll continue our working relationship with TLC and ■’s team. We’ll manage as much as we can onsite and if any off-site transfers required we’ll be doing that ourselves. Any questions? 23. ■ – Summarised well by ■, we’re still based in Strathmore. Happy to take any questions.	
5	Crexcell	24. ■ – Plans have been submitted, no adverse comment back. Public Spaces Application is submitted and includes details for traffic management, other than that we’re just building on previous events. 2025 was a good year. Tweaks were advised at debrief after the previous event and we’ve adapting our plan. This isn’t the most complicated event we have at that location, and we’re confident that we can operate it effectively across both dates. 25. ■ – Public Spaces application was received, but it doesn’t include Traffic Management Plan, please could you share this. 26. ■ – We’ll share it with you directly after this.	4
6	TLC	27. ■ – We’ll have a team of 19 staff split over 3 areas (Main Welfare, External Welfare, & Touchpoint). Focusing on customer experience & supporting customers. Collaborating with Amvale colleagues to help with medical triage. We have dedicated safeguarding leads for complex welfare cases, regardless of ticketholder/non-ticketholder status. Happy to take questions?	
7	Acoustics	28. ■ – Apologies for joining late. We’re familiar with this event, we’ve been reflecting on the experience of previous productions. Discussions on audio started nice and early, acoustics has been focusing on Low-frequency sound mitigation. We’ve reoriented the stage to the west to avoid sound pollution toward Cramond etc. Community comments have been focused on the East, so this should help. We’re having discussions about limiting rear rejection from subs to reduce low frequency sound in the east. Community partnerships are progressing well, and we’re collaborating with ■’s team, and we’re happy to collaborate on a noise sub-group if required. Any questions?	
8	Media Comms &	29. ■ – EE live are promoter, usual safety messaging pre-event-that will come from my team. Any individual agencies want us to share things please get in contact with me. We’ll be messaging about PA, including the steel shielding etc. Leading up to the event we’ll have safety messages as well. We’re developing a Terminal V app that will be operational in time for the event, all things going well.	

9	Neighbourhood Engagement	<p>30. ■ – Working with the venue we have a comprehensive plan for the 4 weeks after we commence working on the 4th of March. We'll have a newsletter going out to residents. I'll be able to field complaints and comments leading up to the event and will have a discussion with them personally to address community concerns. We'll be present on the weekend, and collaborating with ■, security etc.</p> <p>31. ■ – Any questions for ■</p>	
10	Licensing (Hassard Licensing)	<p>32. ■ – Colleagues that are consultees to the licensing applications will be aware that the licensing applications are in. We understand that the schedule for Licensing Sub-committee meetings leaves a gap in March, our preference is that our licenses go in on 2nd of March, which is why we made our applications early in January. We're keeping an eye on small changes to the site plan to ensure that everything is in line, particularly considering small changes that can happen because of EPOG.</p> <p>33. ■ – Licenses include two Temporary Public Entertainment licenses, Market Operator's License, and Occasional Licenses. The Temporary Public Entertainment License tends to go to Licensing Sub-Committee, and the Occasional License often goes to the Licensing Board.</p>	
11	SAS	34. ■ – No concerns at all, the plan looks robust and everything raised from previous sessions has been covered. Please get in touch if you have any question for me.	
12	SFRS	35. ■ – No current issues, we'll produce an internal plan to ensure that local officers and crews are aware. Nothing else from us.	
13	Lothian Buses	36. ■ – Nothing much to add. We'll have a detailed plan mid-to-late March once we have confirmation of final numbers.	
14	Edinburgh Trams	37. ■ – No concerns from myself.	
15	Edinburgh Airport	38. ■ – No representatives from the Airport.	
16	CEC	<p>Licensing Enforcement</p> <p>39. ■ – Notes applications including: 2 Temporary Public Entertainment licenses (one for the Event Itself, the other for 'Devices' i.e. fairground rides, etc.) Temporary Market Operator License for Food Vendors, Merchandise Sales, etc. Occasional License for Alcohol Sales. No indication of specific committee date on the applications so far, we will update the organisers when we can.</p> <p>40. Licenses have not yet awarded by CEC and will be discussed during upcoming Licensing Sub-Committee meeting, upcoming dates are 12th March 2026, & 28th April 2026. Committee details can be found here.</p> <p>Noise Team</p> <p>41. ■ – Notes comprehensive efforts from Acoustic and Event Organiser. Open to participating in a Noise sub-group, but we don't consider it necessary. We'll be participating in consultation for the licenses. Our intention will be to monitor the event as we have previously.</p> <p>Roads Team</p> <p>42. ■ – No concerns, will confirm with Crexcell following receipt of Traffic Management Plan. We're waiting to hear if there are any roadworks that could impact the event, but we're not aware of anything as it stands.</p> <p>Public Transport</p> <p>43. ■ – Asks if map can be shared with local taxi trade to indicate Pick Up & Drop Off locations.</p> <p>44. ■ – We'll include that in our drawings.</p> <p>45. ■ – Confirms ■ shared Taxi contacts, we'll share it directly with them.</p>	5

		Public Safety 46. ■ – Confirms everything proceeding well. 47. ■ – No concerns from myself, looking forward to the event. 48. ■ – Section 89 applications have been received. Inspections planned in the lead-up to the event. Does the Steel Shield have any impact on the numbers out with the event area? 49. ■ – Not necessarily, patrol teams including GP dogs and buggies will be external throughout the event and into the night shift. No change regarding deployment. 50. ■ – Those inspection dates can be combined as well, it was just to indicate when the structures were ready. 51. ■ – Let's tie that in closer to the time. No issues leading up to the event.	
6	AOB	52. ■ - No other competent business.	
	Date of next meeting	53. ■ - No requirement for another EPOG, unless partners disagree leading up to the event. Thanks everyone in attendance for their time and closes meeting.	

Action	Item	Responsibility	Detail	Progress
1.	1.4	■	Share PowerPoint with attendees following the meeting	
2.	2.10	■	Share detailed site plan with Police Scotland	
3.	2.19	■	Invite ■ to attend gate procedure discussions	
4.	5.29	■	Share traffic Management Plan with CEC Traffic Management	
5.	16.44	■	Taxi trade – Pick up & drop off points added to site drawings	