

# Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

**2.30pm, Monday, 22 October 2018**

## **Proposed Parades: November/December 2018**

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Report number	
Executive/routine	
Wards	City Centre (Ward 11)
Council Commitments	N/A

### **Executive Summary**

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The City of Edinburgh Council has been notified of four parades which are proposed to take place in November and December 2018.

The Council has limited powers in respect of parades. It can take no action and the parades would proceed as the organisers intend. Alternatively, it has the power to attach conditions or, under limited circumstances, to ban the parades. The Committee needs to decide whether to exercise any of these options.

In January 2018 the Regulatory Committee decided to continue the practice that all parades involving the High Street must be submitted for Committee consideration.

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- 1.1.1 makes orders in respect of the proposed parades, imposing conditions attached at Appendix 2.

### 2. Background

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- 2.1 Under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, anyone organising a parade or procession in Scotland must notify the appropriate local authority and the police at least 28 days prior to the date of the event.
- 2.2 The City of Edinburgh Council has been notified of intent to hold the following events in the city (further details in Appendix 1). It is proposed that all parades will use the High Street and parade 1(a) will cut across Princes Street.

	<b>Event name</b>	<b>Event date</b>
1(a)	Edinburgh Diwali Parade	4 November 2018
1(b)	Edinburgh Stone of Remembrance	11 November 2018
1(c)	Scottish War Poets Memorial Unveiling Ceremony	23 November 2018
1(d)	Torchlight Procession	30 December 2018

- 2.3 The Council has limited powers available regarding the control of such parades. These powers should only normally be exercised to prevent public disorder, risk to public safety, damage to property or excessive disruption to the life of the community.

### 3. Main report

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- 3.1 Notification forms for each proposed parade are attached as Appendices 1(a) – 1(c).
- 3.2 The recommended conditions (Appendix 2) are sufficient to mitigate any possible disruption to the community.

- 3.3 Representatives of each organisation will be invited to address the Committee regarding the proposed parades.
- 3.4 The Committee is asked to note that, in addition to the parade notification, the organisers of the Diwali event have also submitted applications for Market Operator and Public Entertainment Licences (tabled separately).

#### **4. Measures of success**

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- 4.1 That the Council discharges its statutory duties in respect of these notifications.
- 4.2 That any parade is facilitated wherever possible and is managed in a way that minimises potential disruption to the life of the community.

#### **5. Financial impact**

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- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.
- 5.2 Council resources may need to be deployed on the day, in particular with respect to any road closures.

#### **6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact**

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- 6.1 Should the Committee decide to restrict or prohibit the procession, the persons proposing to hold the procession may appeal against that decision to the Sheriff Court within 14 days of written reasons being received by them.

#### **7. Equalities impact**

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- 7.1 In coming to a decision, the Committee will have to consider the rights of the procession organisers to stage their procession, and the Council's duty to foster good relations and ensure the protection of public order and safety. These must be discharged against the relevant statutory duties.

#### **8. Sustainability impact**

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- 8.1 There may be some short term environmental impact arising from any agreed procession:
  - 8.1.1 The proposed route crosses public roads, though arrangements will be made to mitigate any disruption caused.

#### **9. Consultation and engagement**

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- 9.1 Statutory consultation has taken place regarding the parades.

## 10. Background reading/external references

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- 10.1 Scottish Government guidance - [Review of parades and marches in Scotland \(2006\)](#)

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## 11. Appendices

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- 11.1 Appendix 1: Application forms:
- (a) Edinburgh Diwali Parade
  - (b) Edinburgh Stone of Remembrance
  - (c) Scottish War Poets Memorial Unveiling Ceremony
  - (d) Torchlight Procession
- 11.2 Appendix 2: Proposed conditions