

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

2.30pm, Monday, 18 November 2019

Use of Urgency Provision of Standing Orders to allow a Parade or Procession – Proclamation of Dissolution of Westminster Parliament – 7 November 2019

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Executive summary

The Committee is asked to note that Notice of a Proposal to Hold a Public Procession was received by the Licensing Service on 5 November 2019. The notice informed the Council of intention to hold a procession on 7 November 2019.

The parade was dealt with by the relevant Executive Director after consultation with the convenor using the urgency provision within Standing Orders.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to note the order imposing conditions made by the relevant Director, using urgency provision of standing orders after consultation with the Convener.

2. Background

- 2.1 Under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, anyone organising a 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 was notified on 7 November 2019 that it was intended to hold a procession – Proclamation of Dissolution of Westminster Parliament - through the city on 7 November 2019.
- 2.3 The Council has limited powers available regarding the control of such events. The Scottish Government guidance to local authorities gives further guidance on this.

3. Main report

- 3.1 On 5 November 2019 the council received notice that it was intended to hold a Proclamation of Dissolution of Westminster Parliament procession on 7 November 2019.
- 3.2 Normally this matter would be reported to the committee for consideration and decision. Due to timescales, on this occasion an order imposing conditions on the holding of the parade was made by the Executive Director of Place using urgency provisions within Standing Orders, after consultation with the Convener. It was agreed that an order would be made imposing conditions as in attached at Appendix 2, to enable the event to go ahead.
- 3.3 Standing Orders permit Directors to make urgent decisions provided the relevant Convener is consulted. Any such decision is required to be reported thereafter to Committee.

4. Measures of success

4.1 Not applicable

5. Financial impact

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

6.1 Risk that any decision to ban may be appealed to the Sheriff.

7. Equalities impact

7.1 There is no equalities impact arising from the contents of this report.

8. Sustainability impact

8.1 There is no environmental impact arising from the contents of this report.

9. Consultation and engagement

9.1 The Convener was consulted prior to the use of emergency powers, as required by Standing Orders.

10. Background reading / external references

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

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11. Appendices

11.1 [Appendix 1](#) - Notification form

11.2 Appendix 2 - conditions