

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

9.30am, Tuesday, 28 June 2022

Use of Urgency Provision of Standing Orders to allow 'End the War in Ukraine – 100th Day' Parade – 5 June 2022

Item number

Report number

Executive/routine

Wards

City centre (11)

Council Commitments

N/A

1. Recommendations

1.1 The Licensing Sub-Committee is asked to:

1.1.1 Note that following consultation with the Convener, the relevant Executive Director used the urgency provision within Standing Orders to waive the 28 days' notice requirement, which allowed the parade to proceed as the organiser intended; and

1.1.2 Note the contents of this report.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 To note that notification to stage the ‘End the War in Ukraine – 100th Day’ parade on 5 June was received by the Licensing Service on 27 May 2022.
- 2.2 Following consultation with the Convener, the relevant Executive Director used the urgency provision within Standing Orders to waive the 28 days’ notice requirement, which allowed the parade to proceed as the organiser intended.

3. Background

- 3.1 Under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, anyone organising a parade or procession in Scotland must notify the appropriate local authority and Police Scotland at least 28 days prior to the date of the event.
- 3.2 On 27 May 2022 the City of Edinburgh Council was notified of intent to hold the ‘End the War in Ukraine – 100th Day’ parade on 5 June 2022.

4. Main report

- 4.1 A notification form relevant to the parade was received on 27 May 2022 and is attached at Appendix 1. Normally a parade organiser must give 28 days’ notice, and in this case the organiser asked the Council to use its powers to waive that requirement.
- 4.2 An Events Planning Operation Group (EPOG) was held and, after discussions with the organisers, an amended route was proposed. As there was no planned committee available before the date of the parade, officers consulted the Convener about whether it was appropriate to use the urgency provision in the Scheme of Delegation to reach a decision on that request. The scheme permits Directors to make urgent decisions, provided the relevant Convener is consulted. Any such decision is required to be reported thereafter to Committee.
- 4.3 An urgent decision was made waiving the requirement to give 28 days’ notice, and an order (Appendix 2) was issued on 1 June 2022, including standard conditions.

5. Next Steps

5.1 Not applicable.

6. Financial impact

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. Stakeholder/Community impact

7.1 The Convener was consulted prior to the use of emergency powers, as required by the Scheme of Delegation.

7.2 The Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Delegation were used to resolve this issue.

8. Background reading/external references

8.1 None.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 – Notification form

9.2 Appendix 2 – Order dated 1 June 2022