

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

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Use of Urgency Provision of Standing Orders - Scotland's Voice for Ukraine Parade: 25 February 2023

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

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 8 February 2023. The notice informed the Council of intention to hold a procession on 25 February 2023.

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

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1. Recommendations

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

2. Background

- 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 was notified of intent to hold a parade in the city (further details in Appendix 1).

3. Main report

- 3.1 On 8 February 2023 the Council received notice that it was intended to hold a 'Scotland's Voice for Ukraine' procession on 25 February 2023. This was less than the statutory 28 days' notice. The Council can decide to waive the 28 days' notice period, which would normally be a committee decision.
- 3.2 After consultation with the Convener and due to timescales, on this occasion a decision was made to waive the 28 days' notice requirement. The Convener was also consulted on the use of urgency provisions within Standing Orders to allow the Executive Director of Place to issue an order attaching standard conditions (Appendix 2) to the parade. This enabled 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 None arising directly from this report.

6 Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

6.1 Not applicable.

7 Equalities impact

7.1 No equalities impact arises from the contents of this report.

8 Sustainability impact

8.1 No environmental impact arises from the contents of this report.

9 Consultation and engagement

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

10 Background reading/external references

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

11 Appendices

11.1 Appendix 1: Notification form

11.2 Appendix 2: Conditions.