

# Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

**9.30am, Monday, 6 March 2023**

## **Proposed Parades: April/June 2023**

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Wards	City Centre (11)
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### **Executive Summary**

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The City of Edinburgh Council has been notified of two parades which are proposed to take place in April and June 2023.

The Council has limited powers in respect of parades. It can take no action and the parade would proceed as the organisers intend. Alternatively, it has the power to attach conditions or, under limited circumstances, to ban the parade. 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 marches 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 makes orders in respect of the proposed parades, attaching standard conditions (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):

	Name	Date
a	Yes2Indee It Is Time	1 April 2023
b	John Knox Orange and Purple District LOL Annual Demonstration	24 June 2023

- 2.3 It is proposed that the parades will take place and use the High Street. With respect to (b), there is a longstanding practice of referring any parade of this type to committee for scrutiny.
- 2.4 The Council has limited powers available regarding the control of 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. [Download the Scottish Government Guidance to local authorities on marches and parades.](#)

### 3. Main report

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- 3.1 The notification forms relevant to the proposed parade are attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The recommended conditions (Appendix 2) are sufficient to mitigate any possible disruption to the community.