

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

10.00am, Friday, 22 May 2015

Proposed HD March on Parliament – 11 June 2015

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Executive summary

The City of Edinburgh Council has been notified of a proposed march by the Scottish Huntingdon's Association, to take place on 11 June 2015.

The Council has limited powers in respect of marches. It can take no action and the march would proceed as the organiser intends. Alternatively it has the power to attach conditions or, under limited circumstances, to ban the march.

The march plans to use the High Street. The Regulatory Committee decided on 17 November that marches involving the High Street will be required to be submitted for the Licensing Sub-Committee's 'special consideration'.

Links

Coalition pledges	N/A
Council outcomes	N/A
Single Outcome Agreement	N/A

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1.1 makes an order in respect of the proposed march, imposing conditions attached at Appendix 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 has been notified that the Scottish Huntingdon's Association intends to hold a march through the city on 11 June 2015 (Appendix 1).
- 2.3 The Council has limited powers available regarding the control of such events. 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.](#)

Main report

- 3.1 Public Safety officers have advised that they did not assess the EPOG process to be necessary with respect to this event, due to low proposed numbers and an indication that participants would proceed on pavements. There are no objections from the Police.
- 3.2 One of the proposed routes includes the High Street (to be travelled concurrently) are:
Route 1: Old Tolbooth Wynd to Abbey Strand (conga line);
Route 2: Our Dynamic Earth to Abbey Strand (spacehoppers).
- 3.3 The attached conditions are sufficient to mitigate any disruption to the community.
- 3.4 A representative of the Scottish Huntingdon's Association will be invited to address the Committee regarding the proposed procession.

Measures of success

- 4.1 That the Council discharges its statutory duties in respect of this notification.
- 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.

Financial impact

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

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

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

Equalities impact

- 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.

Sustainability impact

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

Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 A representative of the Scottish Huntingdon's Association has had dialogue with relevant officers.

Background reading / external references

[Report to Regulatory Committee 17 November 2014](#)

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

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Links

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Single Outcome Agreement	N/A
Appendices	Appendix 1: Notification of intention to hold a parade Appendix 2: Standard conditions