

# Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

10.00am, Friday, 27 May 2016

## Proposed 'Pride Scotia' March – 2 July 2016

<b>Item number</b>	5.1
<b>Report number</b>	
<b>Executive/routine</b>	
<b>Wards</b>	City Centre (Ward 11)

### Executive summary

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The City of Edinburgh Council has been notified of a proposed 'Pride Scotia' march by, to take place on 2 July 2016.

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

The proposed march is referred to Committee as it is planned that the march will use the High Street. The Regulatory Committee decided on 17 November 2014 that marches involving the High Street will be required to be submitted for the Licensing Sub-Committee's approval.

### Links

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<b>Coalition pledges</b>	N/A
<b>Council priorities</b>	N/A
<b>Single Outcome Agreement</b>	N/A

# Report

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### Recommendations

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It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1.1 makes an order in respect of the proposed procession, imposing the standard conditions for parades in Edinburgh (Appendix 2).

### Background

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- 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 a 'Pride Scotia' march through the city is planned for 2 July 2016 (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

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- 3.1 The proposed route is from the High Street down the Royal Mile, Abbeyhill, Abbeymount, Calton Terrace, Royal Terrace, Blenheim Place, Leith Walk.
- 3.2 There were no objections from Police Scotland or the Roads Service.
- 3.3 Public Safety have requested that the start time of the event is put back due to a clash with another planned event.
- 3.4 An EPOG is scheduled for 19 May, and details will be forwarded for the Committee's attention if received in time.
- 3.5 This proposed march has been referred to Committee for a decision as the organisers propose to use the High Street.

## Measures of success

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- 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

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- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.
- 5.2 Council resources will need to be deployed on the day if roads are closed.

## Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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; and

## Consultation and engagement

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Interested parties were invited to comment. An EPOG is scheduled for 19 May, and details will be forwarded for the Committee's perusal, should they be received before the date of the meeting.

## Background reading / external references

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[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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<b>Coalition pledges</b>	N/A
<b>Council outcomes</b>	N/A
<b>Single Outcome Agreement</b>	N/A
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1: Notification of intention to hold a parade Appendix 2: Standard conditions