

# Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

9.30am, Friday, 1 June 2018

## Proposed Parade – PROCESSIONS - 10 June 2018

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### Executive Summary

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The City of Edinburgh Council has been notified of a parade which is proposed to take place on 10 June 2018.

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 parades involving the High Street must be submitted for Committee consideration. At the meeting of the City of Edinburgh Council on 3 May 2018, the Council approved the use of Princes Street for this parade.

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
  - 1.1.1 notes the decision of Full Council to approve the use of Princes Street for this parade;
  - 1.1.2 makes an order in respect of the proposed parade, attaching conditions as set out at 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 'PROCESSION' event in the city on 10 June. It is proposed that the parade will use both Princes Street and the High Street:
- 2.3 The Council has limited powers available regarding the control of such 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.

### 3. Main report

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- 3.1 The notification form is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Four PROCESSION parades are planned to take place simultaneously in London, Belfast, Cardiff and Edinburgh, with all events being televised in a live 2.5 hr BBC special between 1430 - 1700. The Edinburgh event is anticipated to attract over Twenty thousand participants.
- 3.3 Parade participants will carry suffragette-inspired banners created in a series of local workshops. The event will replicate the 1909 procession along Princes Street organised by the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU). That parade focussed on the achievements of women in the past and the opportunities for women in the future. The Museum of Edinburgh will celebrate the contribution of Edinburgh's women to the suffrage movement through an exhibition 'Their work is not forgotten' which will run from 8 June to 14 October 2018.

- 3.4 At the meeting of the City of Edinburgh Council on 3 May 2018, the Council approved the use of Princes Street for this parade. It is also intended that the parade will use the High Street:
- 3.5 The recommended conditions (Appendix 2) are sufficient to mitigate any possible disruption to the community, and the Committee is asked to consider attaching these conditions.
- 3.6 A representative of the organiser ('Public Image Events on Behalf of Artichoke Trust Ltd') will be invited to address the Committee regarding the proposed parade.

#### **4. 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.

#### **5. Financial impact**

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

#### **6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact**

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

#### **7. 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 processions, 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.

#### **8. Sustainability impact**

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

## 9. Consultation and engagement

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9.1 Statutory consultation has taken place regarding the parade.

## 10. Background reading/external references

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

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## 11. Appendices

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11.1 Appendix 1: Application form

11.2 Appendix 2: Proposed conditions