

URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 29 April 2013. Minute of Meeting of the URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillors Boulton, Cooney, Dickson, Jackie Dunbar, Forsyth, Grant (as substitute for Councillor Young), Kiddie (as substitute for Councillor May), Laing, McCaig, Malone, Milne (as substitute for Councillor Crockett), Noble and Taylor.

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DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

1. In terms of Standing Order 28(3)(vi), and in accordance with Section 50(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Committee was requested to determine (1) that the item on the agenda was of an urgent nature; and (2) that the Committee required to consider the item and take a decision thereon.

The Committee resolved:-

that the item was of an urgent nature and required to be considered this day, and a decision taken thereon.

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2. The Committee had before it a report by the Head of Service, Office of Chief Executive.

The Committee then heard the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in amplification of the legal advice provided within the report in terms of the provisions of the Local Government Act 1986 (as amended) which prohibited a local authority from publishing material which, in whole or in part, appeared to affect public support for a political party and which further prevented an authority from giving financial or other assistance to a person for the publication of material which the authority itself was prohibited from publishing.

The Acting Convener moved, seconded by Councillor Laing:-

having heard the Head of Legal and Democratic Services that the Committee suspend Standing Order 22(1) and agree on this occasion to waive the fee for street occupation as agreed by the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 19 March, 2013 (Article 35 of the minute of meeting refers), and instruct that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee on a policy review and the introduction of a processions charging policy.

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Councillor McCaig moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Malone:-
that a policy review be undertaken as proposed, that the request for financial assistance be declined and that no exceptions to the policy approved by the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee be approved meantime.

On a division, there voted:- for the motion (7) - Acting Convener; and Councillors Boulton, Forsyth, Grant, Laing, Milne and Taylor; for the amendment (6) - Councillors Dickson, Jackie Dunbar, Kiddie, McCaig, Malone and Noble.

The Committee resolved:-

to adopt the motion.

- **NEIL COONEY, Acting Convener.**