

## LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

### COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

#### URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2015

Please let the Committee Officer know as soon as possible if you do not agree with any action proposed in this decision sheet. These are decisions of the Committee and there is an expectation that action will be taken. If for any reason it is apparent that you will not be able to act on these instructions in full or in part or that there will be a delay, please let the Committee Officer know as it may be necessary to advise the Committee or seek further instructions from the Committee.

	Item Title	Committee Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
1	<b><u>Determination of Urgent Business</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to agree that the item was of an urgent nature and required to be considered this day.		
2	<b><u>Urgent Motion by Councillor Graham</u></b>  “Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) and the Chief Constable of Police Scotland reiterating Aberdeen City Council’s opposition to the proposal to create a single division in the north east from the existing A (Aberdeen City) & B (Aberdeenshire & Moray) Divisions.  Disagrees with the statement of the Chief Constable of Police Scotland, that the creation of a single division will facilitate more flexible deployment of officers and enhance capability at an operational level.  Further instructs the Chief Executive to include within the letter a request that the	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to approve the terms of the motion.		

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	<p>SPA and the Chief Constable of Police Scotland attend a meeting of the Urgent Business Committee at their earliest convenience to discuss this motion fully and in public.</p> <p>Notes with concern that the SPA and the Chief Constable of Police Scotland have decided to proceed with amalgamation despite not being in possession of all known facts by not including within the “Strengthening local policing” report, presented to the SPA on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015, information relating to the decision of Aberdeen City Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and the opposition expressed.</p> <p>That decision being: <i>“That Committee note the report, but that officers be instructed to provide feedback to the Scottish Police Authority that Aberdeen City Council welcomed efficiency savings but supported the continuation of an independent Police Division within Aberdeen City.”</i></p> <p>Instructs the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to seek an opinion on a judicial review of the decision by the SPA and or the Chief Constable of Police Scotland and to report back to the Leader of the Council on the potential of a successful challenge to the decision by the SPA to create a single division within the north east in order for the Council</p>			

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	<p>Leader to determine if a further Urgent Business Committee meeting is required.</p> <p>Notes the Inspector of Constabulary Report, was ordered after the deaths of Lamara Bell and John Yuill, who lay unattended for three days after crashing off the M9, published on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November which has recommended that merger plans be halted stating that Police Scotland needs to focus on stabilising its existing arrangements before making any further changes.</p> <p>Further notes that the report's other findings included that: "governance of the change process has been weak with key risks and project issues not being highlighted through existing structures" and that the merger programme "focused on meeting deadlines and increasing productivity and savings at the expense of effective staff engagement".</p>			

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