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To: All Members of the Council

Town House, ABERDEEN, 6 January 2022

### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Nineteen Members of the Council have requested a Special Council meeting in terms of Standing Order 8.2.

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet on <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, <u>12</u> <u>JANUARY 2022 at 9.30am</u>. This is a hybrid meeting, therefore some Members will be in the Council Chamber and some Members will be taking part remotely.

FRASER BELL CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

#### BUSINESS

#### **DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS**

1.1 Determination of urgent business - no urgent business at this time

#### **DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS**

2.1 Determination of exempt business - no exempt business at this time

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 Declarations of Interest

#### **BUSINESS**

4.1 Wording of written request in terms of Standing Order 8.2.2 (Pages 3 - 4)

That the Council agrees to:

- (1) suspend Standing Order 42.1 to consider (2) to (8) below;
- (2) cease the interim design works for public realm improvements on the mid section of Union Street (from Market Street to Bridge Street);
- (3) instruct the Chief Officer Operations and Protective Services to reopen Union Street between its junctions with Union Terrace and Market Street to service buses, taxis, private hire vehicles and pedal cycles only, all as soon as is practicably possible, but not before any necessary investigatory or other required works are completed and not before any necessary statutory processes are completed: such work shall include the reopening of the temporarily closed bus stops and pedestrian crossings on this section of Union Street, where practicable;
- (4) retain the current timed delivery arrangements via Back Wynd/Belmont Street;
- (5) instruct the Chief Officer Operations and Protective Services to remove the existing bus gate on Union Street, just East of Market Street and introduce new bus gates on Union Street between Bridge Street and Market Street;
  - The estimated cost of the works to be incurred is £10,000 and this expenditure will be met from existing operational budgets and the Spaces for People budget;
- (6) instruct the Chief Officer Governance to initiate the consultation process to reestablish the taxi rank stances on Back Wynd and the night time taxi rank on Union Street at St Nicholas churchyard and report back to the Licensing Committee with the results of the consultation exercise;
- (7) instruct the Chief Officer Operations and Protective Services to complete any necessary statutory processes to allow for waiting on Back Wynd by taxis; and
- (8) note the Director of Resources will continue to engage with stakeholders across the city, including children and young people and the Disability Equity Partnership, in relation to the work packages instructed through the City Growth and Resources Committee on 12 November 2021.

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# Agenda Item 4.1

#### Request for a Special Council meeting in accordance with Standing Order 8.2

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(8) notes the Director of Resources will continue to engage with stakeholders across the city, including children and young people and the Disability Equity Partnership, in relation to the work packages instructed through the City Growth and Resources Committee on 12 November 2021.

Signed by:-

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