



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 6 July 2022

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Twenty 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 in Council Chamber - Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY 2022 at 10.00am**. This is a hybrid meeting, therefore Members may also take part remotely.

FRASER BELL
CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

BUSINESS

DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

1.1 No urgent business at this stage

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

2.1 No exempt business at this stage

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

3.1 Members are requested to declare any interests or connections

BUSINESS

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

That this Council

1. Agree that the decision taken in the Supreme Court of America to overturn the Landmark ruling of Roe V Wade is a step backwards for human rights.
 2. Agree that this decision in the American Courts does not affect the rights of women in Great Britain it is nevertheless a decision not worthy of the United States of America.
 3. Agrees with Dr Edward Morris, president of the UK's Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, who said: "Limiting access to abortions won't reduce the number of abortions happening, it will just make abortions less safe."
 4. Notes American-based anti-choice group *40 Days for Life* have held a 'prayer vigil' at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary hospital earlier this year.
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1. Therefore, agrees that Council should liaise with the Scottish Government in order to bring forward a byelaw to introduce buffer zones as a short-term measure to prevent fear, harassment or intimidation for any women using clinics that provide abortion services until such time as the Scottish Government legislate on the matter.

With a report coming back to the next Council on progress.

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