

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Town House,  
ABERDEEN, 3 January 2025

MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Sederunt:

Lord Provost David Cameron, Chairperson;  
Depute Provost Steve Delaney; and

COUNCILLORS

GILLIAN AL-SAMARAI  
CHRISTIAN ALLARD  
KATE BLAKE  
JENNIFER BONSELL  
MARIE BOULTON  
DESMOND BOUSE  
RICHARD BROOKS  
HAZEL CAMERON  
DONNA CLARK  
JOHN COOKE  
NEIL COPLAND  
WILLIAM CORMIE  
BARNEY CROCKETT  
DEREK DAVIDSON  
LEE FAIRFULL  
EMMA FARQUHAR  
GORDON GRAHAM  
ROSS GRANT  
MARTIN GREIG  
DELL HENRICKSON

RYAN HOUGHTON  
MICHAEL HUTCHISON  
MICHAEL KUSZNIR  
GRAEME LAWRENCE  
SANDRA MACDONALD  
NEIL MacGREGOR  
ALEXANDER McLELLAN  
KEN McLEOD  
CIARAN McRAE  
M. TAUQEER MALIK  
DUNCAN MASSEY  
JESSICA MENNIE  
ALEX NICOLL  
MIRANDA RADLEY  
MRS JENNIFER STEWART  
KAIRIN VAN SWEEDEN  
LYNN THOMSON  
SIMON WATSON  
and  
IAN YUILL

Lord Provost David Cameron, in the Chair.

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## WRITTEN REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETING

1. The Council had before the wording of the written request for this special Council meeting which had been signed by 12 members in accordance with Standing Order 8.2.2:-

“The business to be transacted relates to Committee Places in terms of Standing Order 47.9.”

The Council had before it a motion by Councillor Malik in the following terms:-  
That the Council:

Suspends Standing Order 42.1 (Altering Previous Decisions) to allow the Council to consider the matter today.

Notes the Liberal Democrats, despite having only 4 members, receive more places on Committees than the 5 independent members.

Agrees the following compositions:-

SNP 18/45 - 44 places  
Labour 11/45 - 25 places  
Conservative 7/45 - 17 places  
Independent 5/45 - 10 places  
Liberal Democrats 4/45 - 9 places

COMMITTEE	SNP	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	INDEPENDENT	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	TOTAL
ANTI-POVERTY	4	2	1	1 (van Sweeden)	1	9
AUDIT	4	2	1	1 (Nicoll)	1	9
COMMUNITIES	4	2	2		1	9
EDUCATION	6	3	2	1 (Mrs Stewart)	1	13
FINANCE	3	2	2	1 (Nicoll)	1	9
LICENSING	3	2	2	2 (Mrs Stewart and Crockett)		9
NET ZERO	4	2	2		1	9
PENSIONS	4	2	1	2 (van Sweeden and Boulton)		9
PLANNING	4	2	1	1 (Boulton)	1	9
STAFF	4	2	2		1	9
URGENT BUSINESS	2	2	1	1 (Crockett)	1	7
IJB	2	2	0			4
Total	44	25	17	10	9	105

Councillor Malik moved as a procedural motion, seconded by Councillor Houghton:-

That the Council suspends Standing Order 42.1 (Altering Previous Decisions) to allow the Council to consider the matter today.

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On a division, there voted:-

For the procedural motion (19) - Councillors Blake, Bonsell, Boulton, Brooks, Crockett, Farquhar, Graham, Grant, Houghton, Kuznir, Lawrence, Macdonald, McLeod, Malik, Massey, Nicoll, Mrs Stewart, Thomson and Watson.

Against the procedural motion (22) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Bouse, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Radley, van Sweeden and Yuill.

**The Council resolved:-**

- (i) to reject the procedural motion; and
- (ii) to therefore take no action as the procedural motion had been rejected, which meant the item could not be considered.

- **DAVID CAMERON, Lord Provost.**