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<b>Proposed Procession:</b>	ATUC May Day Parade and Rally
<b>Date:</b>	1130 hours on Saturday 4 May 2013
<b>Police met with organiser:</b>	Yes
<b>Police objection to procession:</b>	No
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. There should be a minimum of 8 dedicated, appropriately qualified stewards in attendance;</li><li>2. The organiser must fully brief stewards as to their responsibilities;</li><li>3. The stewards must wear high-visibility jackets, at all times when escorting the procession;</li><li>4. The Stewards must remain at the Castle gate after the parade for the duration of the Rally;</li><li>5. The organiser must arrange a full, Council resourced, road closure over the route of the procession, for its duration;</li><li>6. The organiser must inform the local media of the timings of the procession and likelihood of there being disruption to traffic in the City Centre;</li><li>7. The organiser must inform the Hackney Licensing Department of the timings of the procession given the potential disruption to taxi ranks in the City Centre;</li><li>8. The organiser must inform local bus companies of the street closures and their duration, to enable alternative routes to be implemented;</li><li>9. The organiser must inform the Scottish Ambulance Service and Grampian Fire and Rescue Service about the times and movements of the procession; and</li><li>10. The organisers should have in place Public Liability Insurance should any legal action or otherwise be forthcoming following an incident during this event</li></ol>
<b>Policing to be provided:</b>	Yes

**Comments:**

This parade is an annual parade and has previously passed without incident.

The route of this parade has been extended this year and will require road closure to be implemented by Aberdeen City Council Roads Department.

The participants will gather at the start at 1100 hours, with the parade commencing at 1130 hours. The Procession will follow a tried and tested route for previous parades and will terminate at the Castlegate, where the TUC will hold a short rally.

A policing presence will be provided during the entire event on the condition it lasts no longer than 2 hours in total. This time restriction is not intended to curtail any political activity but to ensure that police resources are not committed to this event for an extended period.

Police Scotland are aware this event will coincide with a small political recruitment event planned by the National Front Scotland. The National Front Scotland organiser has expressed concerns due to two groups with differing political views being in the same area at the same time. Whilst there is no current intelligence to indicate a risk to public safety, there are likely to be implications for public order in the area. It is assessed that any activity will amount to verbal or protest activity only. Police Scotland are confident they can police these circumstances effectively however the combined effect of the two groups and a proportionate policing presence could result in some disruption to the life of the local community, particularly the regular Saturday market.

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**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 22 April 2013

Martin Mackay, Chief Inspector, Aberdeen City Division

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