

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Urgent Business
DATE	2 December 2013
LEAD OFFICER	Chief Executive
TITLE OF REPORT	COSLA Convention 13 th December 2013
REPORT NUMBER:	OCE/13/036

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report brings before the Committee a suggested amendment to be proposed in the name of Aberdeen City Council at the COSLA Convention on Friday 13th December 2013. COSLA has requested that amendments be lodged with that organisation by 4th December.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee decides whether or not to approve the suggested amendment.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

On 5th November 2013 the Chief Executive received from COSLA (the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities) notification that a notice of motion had been received by that organisation for consideration at the meeting of the Convention to be held on Friday 13th December 2013.

As requested by COSLA, the Chief Executive shared the notification with the City Council's Convention delegates.

The motion, in the name of Scottish Borders Council, is in the following terms:-

That the Convention establishes a short life Task Group, comprising the President, Vice President and the Political Group

Leaders, to review the Constitution and Standing Orders of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities. The Task Group should complete its work by mid-May to allow any resulting decisions to be made at Convention in June 2014.

Following discussions held with colleague elected members at the COSLA Leaders meeting on Friday 22nd November, the City Council Administration now suggests that an amendment, in the name of Aberdeen City Council, should be proposed at the meeting of the Convention in the following terms:-

Convention notes that it only approved the current Constitution in March 2012. Convention agrees that given the importance of the Independence Referendum to COSLA and the Scottish people any decision to review the Constitution should be considered after September 2014, once COSLA is aware of the referendum result.

The Committee is requested to decide whether or not to approve the suggested amendment.

6. IMPACT

None

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

None

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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