

COUNCIL
MOTIONS LIST
14 MAY 2014

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1.	<p><u>Motion by Councillor Young</u></p> <p>“Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to Sir Peter Housden Permanent Secretary to the Scottish Government demanding an investigation into the First Minister’s professional conduct during the Aberdeen Donside by-election looking specifically at:-</p> <p>1. The First Minister’s unannounced visit and lecture on 17 June 2013 to school children at Bramble Brae School without reference to Aberdeen City Council Director of Education, Culture and Sport or the</p>	26.06.13	<p>The Council, at its meeting on 21 August 2013, resolved:-</p> <p>(i) to note the reply received from the Permanent Secretary in which he states that he has seen sight of the First Minister’s response to the Chief Executive, which includes reference to our complaint to the Permanent Secretary. To note with astonishment that the First Minister responds to the Chief Executive seemingly on behalf of the Permanent Secretary and to note that the First Minister has been allowed to write his own response to the formal complaint made to the Permanent</p>	<p>The Council, at its meeting on 5 March 2014, resolved:-</p> <p>(i) to note the correspondence received from the Head of the Civil Service;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Permanent Secretary to the Scottish Government seeking talks aimed at creating a positive working partnership between Aberdeen City Council and the Scottish Government; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Executive to report to the next Council meeting with a revised protocol for the organisation of ministerial visits to Council properties which reflects the protocols operated for such visits by both the UK and</p>	Chief Executive	14.05.14	No

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	<p>Head Teacher of the said school noting that the school is currently subject to statutory consultation regarding its future within the wider school estate.</p> <p>2. The First Minister's unannounced visit to Hazlehead Park on 17 June 2013 a park owned wholly by Aberdeen City Council again without reference to the said City Council in the middle of a by election and whilst welcoming the announcement of a £100,000 Scottish Government donation to the Piper Alpha Memorial Trust purdah rules seem to have been ignored.</p> <p>Instructs the Chief Executive to report back to the Council on the</p>		<p>Secretary. Indeed, it would appear that the Permanent Secretary has failed to investigate the complaint made, with no indication of an investigation, nor that any follow-up has taken place. The Permanent Secretary made no further contact with our Chief Executive prior to sending his response;</p> <p>(ii) to agree that the situation has escalated since the Chief Executive first wrote her letters to the Permanent Secretary as the First Minister is on record as saying that his visit to Bramble Brae School was "impromptu and not pre-planned". Given that the SNP issued a calling notice stating that the First Minister would be in attendance at the school and that there would be an opportunity for interviews and photographs, it would</p>	<p>Scottish Governments.</p> <p>A report is on the agenda.</p>			

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	response received from the Permanent Secretary, in order for Council to determine its position on this matter.”		<p>appear that the First Minister may have deliberately misled the Permanent Secretary on this matter;</p> <p>(iii) to therefore instruct the Chief Executive to write to Sir Bob Kerlake, Head of the Home Civil Service calling on him to carry out an investigation into the events which led to the complaint being sent to the Permanent Secretary to the Scottish Government, to establish whether or not the Ministerial Code was broken, whether or not there was an appropriate investigation undertaken by the Permanent Secretary and whether or not the complaint was managed in an appropriate and suitable way; and</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Executive to report back to the Council the response received from</p>				

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			the Head of the Home Civil Service in order that the Council may determine its position on this matter.				
2.	<p><u>Motion by Councillor Thomson</u></p> <p>“That this Council:-</p> <p>(i) acknowledges the concerns of communities across Scotland regarding the sale of so called “legal highs”;</p> <p>(ii) notes that in 2012 there were 37 legal high related deaths in Scotland;</p> <p>(iii) further notes with concern that these substances are sold openly from retail premises in locations in Aberdeen; and</p> <p>(iv) instructs the Chief Executive to write to both the UK and Scottish Governments asking them to ban these</p>	06.03.14	<p>The Council, at its meeting on 6 March 2014, resolved:-</p> <p>(i) to approve the terms of the motion;</p> <p>(ii) to request officers to investigate if the Council had any powers under Trading Standards and Consumer Protection laws to take action against outlets selling legal highs; and</p> <p>(iii) to refer the motion to the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership for detailed consideration and instruct officers to report back to Council within one cycle.</p>	A report is on the agenda.	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Director of Social Care and Wellbeing</p> <p>Director of Housing and Environment</p>	14.05.14	

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	<p>substances, take measures to proactively combat their sale and supply in Scotland, or as a potential way forward consider the licensing of premises where legal highs are available.”</p>						