ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE Council

DATE 14 May 2014

DIRECTOR Angela Scott

TITLE OF REPORT Update – Street-begging

REPORT NUMBER: CG/14/061

CHECKLIST RECEIVED: YES

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to update the Council on progress on the byelaw regarding street-begging.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Council is recommended to note the report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no other implications arising from this report beyond those set out in the report to the Council's meeting on 18 December 2013

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

The Council, at its meeting on 18 December 2013, approved the wording of the proposed byelaw; approved the designated area; and instructed officers to take all necessary steps to complete the statutory process to seek confirmation of the byelaw from the Scottish Government.

Statutory procedures have been followed to advertise notice of intention to apply for confirmation and the application for confirmation has been made to the Scottish Government. A limited number of objections was made to the Scottish Government and officers have submitted views on those objections. The Scottish Government is

considering the position and a decision is awaited. We have been in touch with the Scottish Government seeking an update on timing of the decision and as at the date of writing await a response.

A further update report will be provided to the next Council meeting.

6. IMPACT

Public – The report may generate public interest as the issue of a byelaw has attracted public interest.

Equalities – there are no equalities implications arising from this report. The issues identified in the report to Council on 18 December 2013 continue to exist.

MANAGEMENT OF RISK

The issues identified in the report to Council on 18 December 2013 continue to exist.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Council report – 18 December 2013

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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