

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 26 January 2014.

ATTENDANCE OF REGIONAL TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES AT CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – REFERRAL FROM AUDIT, RISK AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5. The Committee had before it a referral from the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee of 20 November 2014, which requested that this Committee consider whether Regional Trade Union representatives should be permitted to attend the Corporate Health and Safety Committee, following which a report would then be submitted to the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee advising of the recommendation.

During the discussion which followed, it was noted that there was differing views as to whether Regional Trade Union officials would attend meetings of the Corporate Health and Safety Committee, with some trade unions suggesting that local staff representatives were best placed to attend meetings. Sarah Duncan, UNISON Regional Officer intimated that there should not be a bar on Regional officials attending these meetings, and that they should be permitted to speak with the Committee's consent, having made a prior request to the chair. She also suggested that in other authorities, Regional officials would be ex officio members of such committees.

The Committee resolved:-

to note that the Chairperson, in liaison with Councillor McCaig, Convener of Audit, Risk and Scrutiny would consider the views of the Committee and request that a report be submitted to the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.