Eurovision Song Contest 2023 – Emergency motion, as adjusted, approved.

9 With reference to paragraph 1 above, Bailie Massie, seconded by Bailie Carroll, moved that

> "Council recalls its unanimous motion of 31st March 2022, which condemned the unprovoked war by the Russian Federation and praised the extraordinary courage and determination of the Ukrainian people. Council congratulates Ukraine's Kalush Orchestra for their emphatic win at last month's Eurovision Song Contest, winning with an outstanding score of 631 points, receiving the maximum 12-point score from 28 countries, including the United Kingdom.
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> Council notes that in recent days the European Broadcasting Union has announced it is in talks with the BBC regarding holding the 2023 Eurovision Song Contest in the second-placed United Kingdom, given the ongoing war in Ukraine. Council expresses its strong hope that Ukraine will be able to hold the contest as planned.
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> However, in the event that Ukraine is unable to host the event due to the continued Russian invasion, Council believes that Glasgow would be the most appropriate city in the United Kingdom to hold a relocated contest. Glasgow has a strong record of hosting complex international events, most recently and significantly COP26 in November 2021, the largest conference ever held in the UK. Glasgow successfully hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2014, co-hosted the 2018 European Championships with Berlin, and was the venue for several Euro2020 football matches. Glasgow is a UNESCO City of Music, and regularly hosts festivals, gigs and concerts for all genres of music.
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> Council therefore instructs the relevant Council officers to immediately begin conversations with the BBC, UK Government and Scottish Government, into the possibility of Glasgow acting as host or co-host of the 2023 contest should a replacement city be necessary."

Councillor Aitken, seconded by Bailie Christie, moved as an amendment that the final paragraph be deleted and replaced with:-

> "Council understands that although early discussions have taken place about the possibility of Glasgow acting as host or co-host of the 2023 contest, should a replacement city be necessary, these must remain hypothetical and high level until such a time as it may be confirmed that Ukraine is not in a position to host. If that is confirmed and the UK government seeks expressions of interest from potential hosts, Council instructs the Chief Executive to submit on Glasgow's behalf".

Bailie Massie, with the approval his seconder, accepted the amendment by Councillor Aitken, resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

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The adjusted motion was approved unanimously.