

WELLBEING, EQUALITIES, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 14th August 2025.

Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee.

Present: Roza Salih (Chair), Holly Bruce, Annette Christie, Laura Docherty (substitute for Linda Pike), Stephen Dornan, Fiona Higgins, Seonad Hoy, Anne McTaggart (substitute for Mhairi Hunter), Angus Millar, Robert Mooney, Eva Murray, Davena Rankin and Thomas Rannachan (substitute for Sharon Greer); and Martina Johnston-Gray.

Also present: Alex Kerr.

Apologies: Sharon Greer, Mhairi Hunter and Linda Pike.

Attending: C Jack (Clerk); C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; W McFarlane (for the Executive Director of Financial Services); and C Quinn (for the Chief Executive).

Public Procession Annual Report 2024/25 noted.

1 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding an annual report on public procession notifications submitted to the Council for the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, advising

- (1) that the legal and administrative process for dealing with notifications for public processions in Scotland was set out in Part V of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and that anyone who wanted to organise a procession in Glasgow must notify the Council at least 28 days prior to the date on which the procession was intended to take place;
- (2) that the organiser of a procession was not applying to the Council for permission or for any type of licence, rather they were informing the Council of their intention to hold a procession;
- (3) of the process that the Council undertook on receipt of notification of a procession and, under Part V of the 1982 Act, the relevant considerations that the Council must take into account when considering a procession notification to determine whether it was necessary to prohibit or impose conditions, as detailed in the report;
- (4) of the number of processions submitted to the Council in the last 4 years in respect of processions that had taken place in the city and the Council wards with the highest numbers of processions passing through them;

- (5) that the majority of processions passed without difficulty and in compliance with the requirements set out in the Code of Conduct however there had been complaints and concerns regarding a small number of processions and challenges posed and in order to mitigate the impact of larger scale processions multi-agency meetings were held to review the management and stewarding plan and arrangements for assembly and dispersal, as well as a debrief meeting to review these arrangements with any learning points identified for future processions; and
- (6) where agreement on arrangements for a procession could not be reached a Public Processions Committee would be convened to consider the procession notification.