

**South Africa – Motion approved.**

**9** Councillor Colleran, seconded by Bailie Cameron, moved that

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Council recognises the very important links that exist between our city and the South African people, reaffirms its commitment to the work of Local Authority Action for Southern Africa (LAACTSA) and applauds South Africa as it prepares to play host to the 2010 World Cup, the largest international event ever to be held on South African soil.

Council resolves to fly the South African flag over the City Chambers on Friday, 11th June, the opening day of the World Cup, as a show of our solidarity with the South African people and as a sign of our continued support and cooperation with the wider southern African region.”

Councillor Dunn, seconded by Bailie McLaughlin, moved as an amendment that

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Council hopes that the focus of the World Cup will lead to a continuation of the South African Government’s commitment to an open, fair, free and democratic government, to freedom of the press, opposition to human rights abuses in the region, and the equality of all South Africans.

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Councillor Colleran, with the agreement of her seconder, accepted the amendment by Councillor Dunn and thereafter the Council approved unanimously.