

FC50. MOTIONS

Prior to consideration of the proposed items of business, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved the suspension of Standing Orders to allow Council to discuss its decision making structures.

The Provost advised that in terms of Standing Order 36.3, Council may suspend any Standing Orders (with the exception of Standing Order 35 and 36) provided that:

- (1) either due notice has been given, or Council agrees that it is a case of urgency; and
- (2) the motion to suspend a Standing Order is moved, seconded and carried without discussion by at least two thirds of the councillors present and voting at the meeting and an absolute majority of the Council.

In regard to 36.3(1), due notice of the motion had not been given. The Provost therefore sought Council's view on whether the matter was urgent.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved that the matter was urgent.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4 (i), the vote was taken by roll call, there being 28 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For (14) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Against (14) – Provost Reid; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, CR Martin, Nicol and Nimmo.

There being an equality of votes the Provost exercised his casting vote against the motion. Accordingly the motion to suspend Standing Orders fell.

In accordance with Standing Order 31.1, the Provost stated that the motions before Council referred to matters within the remit of the Executive and that, having consulted with the Council Leader and the Leader of the Opposition in accordance with Standing Order 31.1 (i), he was not of the opinion that special circumstances existed requiring an exception to be made to that general rule. Consequently, the motions stood referred to the Executive.

Councillors Meiklejohn and McCabe, on behalf of the requisitioners of the meeting then withdrew the motions.

With no movers for the motions, they were, in terms of Standing Order 29.9 considered as dropped.

Decision

The motions were dropped.