

FC78. MOTIONS

(a) Air Weapons

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Thomson moved that:-

“Council notes with concern the decision of the UK Government not to press ahead with legislation seeking tighter control of air weapons.

Council believes that the Scottish Government position seeking greater control over the use of and access to such weapons is the correct course of action to preserve the safety and well-being of our community.

Council therefore resolves to seek to introduce a by-law similar to that being pursued by Aberdeen City Council and asks officers to begin this process and report back to members of the Community Health and Safety Committee progress as soon as possible.”

By way of an amendment Councillor C Martin seconded by Councillor C MacDonald moved that:-

“Council is aware that Aberdeen City Council is no longer pursuing a by-law to control air weapons after taking advice that adequate legal provisions already exist to deal with misuse of air weapons.

Council is of the opinion that such a by-law would have little effect and be difficult to implement and therefore proposes a local public awareness campaign to draw attention to the dangers of misuse of air weapons and the legal penalties for misuse.”

Following discussion, Councillor Nimmo seconded by Councillor C R Martin moved “that the question be now put.”

On a division 17 Members voted for the Motion with 14 against following which the mover of the original motion exercised her right to reply.

Members then voted for the motion and amendment.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4(i) a vote was taken by way of a roll call there being 31 Members present, with Members voting as undernoted.

For the Motion (13) – Councillors Alexander, Carleschi, Coleman, H Constable, J Constable, Hughes, Jackson, Kenna, A MacDonald, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver and Thomson.

For the Amendment (17) – Provost Reid and Depute Provost Black; Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Fry, Goldie, Lemetti, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, CR Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Waddell.

Abstention (1) – Councillor Spears

Accordingly, **RESOLVED** in terms of the Amendment.