

## **EX16. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARCHES, PROCESSIONS AND PARADES**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services requesting the suspension of fee charges in relation to the promotion of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs) to support the arrangements for marches, processions and parades.

Police Scotland had recently advised the Council that nationally it would no longer provide traffic management support at public marches, processions and parades.

As a licensing authority, the Council is required to have regard to the likely effect of any march, parade or procession on public safety; public order; damage to property and disruption to the life of the community. This includes ensuring that traffic is managed in a way which secures public safety. In the absence of police support, traffic at such events can be regulated by the promotion of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO). In order for a TTRO to be promoted the Council must be satisfied that effective traffic management arrangements will be put in place by the event organiser. A charge of £725 was imposed for each TTRO required for an event.

Research indicated that nationally neither the Licensing Authorities' nor Police Scotland's approaches to traffic management for such events was consistent. It was proposed that the Council's procedures were reviewed, and in the meantime, to suspend the charge for TTROs in regard to marches parades and processions.

### **Decision**

**The Executive agreed:-**

- (1) to suspend the relevant fee for Temporary Traffic Regulation Order applications where they relate to traffic regulation in respect of marches, processions and parades and other community based activities which suspension shall be in place until the review has been completed and considered by members or a period of 6 months, whichever is the shorter;**
- (2) to request that the Leader of the Council write to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice expressing the Council's concerns regarding the position taken by Police Scotland; and**
- (3) to request that the Chief Executive raises the issue with COSLA seeking the introduction of a national approach.**