

FC30. Delegation of Powers to Determine Urgent Issues During the Summer Recess

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services seeking that authority was delegated to Chief Officers to deal with urgent business, which would normally be determined by Council or committee, during the summer recess.

Councillor Nicol, seconded by Councillor Flynn, moved the recommendations set out in the report subject to the inclusion of the Leaders of the Main Opposition Groups in the consultation on determination of urgent items.

Council adjourned at 2.10pm to allow Councillor Goldie to take advice on a potential amendment and reconvened at 2.20pm with all members present as per the sederunt.

Decision

Council agreed that Chief Officers be given delegated powers, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Leaders of the Main Opposition Groups and/or the relevant portfolio holder or, as appropriate, the relevant Committee Convener and/or Depute Convener, to determine urgent items of business during the summer recess (from 27 June 2018 to 14 August 2018) and to report the decisions thereon to the first meeting of the Executive thereafter, provided that any such decision:-

- (1) is required to secure the proper delivery of Council Services and to comply with the Council's statutory duties;**
- (2) does not involve expenditure of Council monies outwith the approved Revenue Budget and Capital Programme;**
- (3) does not involve an increase in the permanent establishment of the particular Service;**
- (4) involves no dispute as to legality, propriety or the proper interpretation of Council policy as affecting the decision, and**
- (5) the Chief Governance Officer is appointed returning officer and proper officer for the purposes of s34 of the 1973 Act until 1 August.**