

<b>Meeting:</b>	Discussion on Marches and Parades	
<b>Date:</b>	25 April 2019	
<b>Time:</b>	13:15	
<b>Venue:</b>	Room: Q1.03, Scottish Parliament	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Humza Yousaf MSP	Cabinet Secretary for Justice
	Councillor Susan Aitken	Leader of Glasgow City Council
	[Redacted]	Glasgow City Council
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1. The discussions focussed on the regulation of public processions under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

### **Interpretation of “disruption to the life of the Community” considerations**

2. It was agreed that further legal clarity could be useful on what can reasonably be taken into account by a local authority in relation to “disruption to the life of the Community” and the need for this to be understood in light of European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR). Therefore, it was felt that further clarity and guidance in relation to this could helpfully assist local authorities in making decisions on procession notifications and addressing the concerns of communities impacted.

3. While recognising that Police Scotland was the only statutory consultee, and was best placed to comment on the likely impact of a procession on public safety, it was noted that at times the public perception has been that this approach does not always recognise legitimate concerns that may exist within local communities on the impact of processions on their ability to go about their business. It was explained that this was the issue that residents in communities raise most often, particularly in relation to the cumulative impact caused by repeated disruption.

4. A 2016 report by Dr Michael Rosie recommended that councils and police should give further thought as to how meaningful and proactive engagement involving the community could take place. There was a discussion as to what mechanisms might help with this local consultation process.

**Action:** Scottish Government officials will seek further advice.

### **Statutory Guidance**

#### *Review*

5. It was agreed that Dr Michael Rosie's upcoming independent review of the implementation of the recommendations made in the 2016 'Independent Report on Marches, Parades and Static Demonstrations in Scotland' would be helpful in measuring progress made so far and identifying what further actions require to be

taken. This could include considering the need to refreshing guidance previously issued to local authorities on marches and parades.

6. It was noted that Dr Rosie's work would involve reviewing progress made against each of the 21 recommendations contained in the 2016 report by engaging with key stakeholder and interest groups, including march organisers and community representatives who it was hoped would fully engage in the review to ensure their perspectives were understood and considered.

#### *Timescales*

7. It was recognised that that the 28-day notification period allowed time for meaningful engagement and consultation with both organisers and communities, but that this can be challenging in relation to setting conditions on the event.

8. While there was no expectation that the notification period timescales would increase, there was discussion about the importance of constructive community engagement and how education and awareness raising might help that process.

9. There was agreement that these issues could be considered as part of Dr Rosie's work.

**Actions:** Scottish Government officials to consider Dr Rosie's remit in light of these discussions.

#### **Temporary Traffic Regulation Traffic Orders (TTROs)**

10. In his 2016 review, Dr Rosie had urged clarity on Police Scotland's proposed policy on TTROs (Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders) requiring a TTRO be obtained for every pre-planned event (including parades and processions).

11. There was a discussion about the constructive engagement between local authorities, Police Scotland, Transport Scotland and Scottish Government on this issue. Progress had been made but a conclusion had not been reached.

**Actions:** When the position has been clarified, following further work by Police Scotland and COSLA, Scottish Government officials will give consideration to any impact on parades and processions.

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**From:** [redacted] <[@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:@glasgow.gov.uk)> **On Behalf Of** Aitken, Susan (Councillor)  
**Sent:** 06 August 2019 10:37  
**To:** [redacted]<[@gov.scot](mailto:@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice <[CabSecJustice@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJustice@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: phone call between Cab Sec and Ms Aitken

Hi [redacted]

Please call [redacted] and I will direct Mr Yousaf through to Cllr Aitken.

Many thanks for confirming.

Kind regards  
[redacted]

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Business Services - Members Services  
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**Sent:** 06 August 2019 08:52  
**To:** [CabSecJustice@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJustice@gov.scot); Aitken, Susan (Councillor) [redacted] <[@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:@glasgow.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: phone call between Cab Sec and Ms Aitken

Good Morning [redacted]

Apologies for the delayed response. I have confirmed with Mr Yousaf that Tuesday 13 August at 12 pm would be most suitable for this phone call. I would be grateful if you could provide direct number to Cllr Aitken for the Cabinet Secretary to call.

Kind Regards,  
[redacted]

[redacted] | Assistant Private Secretary  
Office of Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice

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**From:** [redacted] <[@gov.scot](mailto:@gov.scot)> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice  
**Sent:** 29 July 2019 12:45

**To:** Aitken, Susan (Councillor) [redacted] <[@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:@glasgow.gov.uk)>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice <[CabSecJustice@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJustice@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: phone call between Cab Sec and Ms Aitken

Hi [redacted],

Apologies for the delay, just waiting for confirmation of Mr Yousaf's movements that week – should be able to confirm this week though.

Thanks,  
[redacted]

[redacted] Deputy Private Secretary  
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**From:** [redacted] <[@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:@glasgow.gov.uk)> **On Behalf Of** Aitken, Susan (Councillor)

**Sent:** 23 July 2019 10:45

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice <[CabSecJustice@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJustice@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: phone call between Cab Sec and Ms Aitken

Hi [redacted]

Just getting in touch to ask if any of the dates below are suitable for a call?

Thanks  
[redacted]

[redacted] - Support Officer  
Business Services - Members Services  
Customer & Business Services  
Support Officer to the Leader of the Council  
City Chambers West building  
Telephone: [redacted] Fax: [redacted]  
email [redacted] [@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:@glasgow.gov.uk)

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 16 July 2019 14:38

**To:** [CabSecJustice@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJustice@gov.scot)

**Subject:** RE: phone call between Cab Sec and Ms Aitken

Hi [redacted]

I have noted below Cllr Aitken's availability w/c 12<sup>th</sup> August.

Tue 13 Aug between 12:00 – 14:00 or 16:30- 17:00

Wed 14 August between 10:00 – 10:30  
Thur 15 August between 12:00 – 13:00

I hope this helps.

Kind regards  
[redacted]

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**Sent:** 16 July 2019 11:28  
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Hi [redacted],

Thanks for that, I'm seeing Mr Yousaf tomorrow so will speak to him then and see what his movements are w/c 12<sup>th</sup> August – is there are days/times that week would Cllr Aitken would not be able to do?

Thanks,  
[redacted]

[redacted] | Deputy Private Secretary  
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**Sent:** 16 July 2019 10:40  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice  [<CabSecJustice@gov.scot>](mailto:CabSecJustice@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** RE: phone call between Cab Sec and Ms Aitken

Hi [redacted]

I'm afraid Cllr Aitken is not in the country next week and won't be free for a phone call until w/c 12<sup>th</sup> August.

If you would like to have a look at dates that week?

Thanks  
[redacted]

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**Sent:** 16 July 2019 10:04  
**To:** [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@glasgow.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** [CabSecJustice@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJustice@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** RE: phone call between Cab Sec and Ms Aitken

Good Morning,

Just looking to follow up getting this phone call set up, aware yourself and [redacted] have discussed but don't think we were able to find a mutually suitable slot. Diaries can be such a nightmare, particularly at this time of year!

Does Ms Aitken have any availability next week (except Wednesday 24/07) for this call? I would estimate it would take around 20 minutes.

Mr Yousaf will be on leave the last week in July and first week in August and I would be keen they get an opportunity to speak ahead of this.

Kind regards,  
[redacted]

[redacted] Deputy Private Secretary  
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**Sent:** 04 July 2019 10:20  
**To:** [redacted] [@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@glasgow.gov.uk)  
**Cc:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice <[CabSecJustice@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJustice@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** phone call between Cab Sec and Ms Aitken

Good Morning,

Mr Yousaf would like to schedule a phone call with Councillor Susan Aitken to discuss tackling sectarianism. We would like to arrange it on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30 p.m. I would be grateful if you could confirm if that time is suitable for Ms Aitken and provide her contact details.

Apologies for short notice and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind Regards,  
[redacted]

[redacted] | Assistant Private Secretary  
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**From:** [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice  
**Sent:** 04 September 2019 11:51  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice <CabSecJustice@gov.scot>; DCC Local Policing <DCC.LocalPolicing@scotland.pnn.police.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Govan follow up - Meeting this week [OFFICIAL]

Apologies [redacted] – I don't have an email address for the DCC Crime Ops mail box, is it easier for you to mark it in the diary? 15:30-16:45 at the Scottish Parliament.

Thanks,  
[redacted]

[redacted] I Deputy Private Secretary  
Office of Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice

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**Sent:** 04 September 2019 11:45  
**To:** DCC Local Policing <DCC.LocalPolicing@scotland.pnn.police.uk>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice <CabSecJustice@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** RE: Govan follow up - Meeting this week [OFFICIAL]

Hi [redacted],

Thanks very much that, I'll send over a diary invite just now.

Grateful if DCC [redacted], could just report to the Main Reception at Parliament on arrival and advise them he's there for a meeting with Mr Yousaf – they'll let our office know he's arrived and I'll pop down to get him and bring him to/from the meeting room.

Kind regards,  
[redacted]

[redacted] I Deputy Private Secretary  
Office of Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice

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**Sent:** 03 September 2019 09:03  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice <[CabSecJustice@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJustice@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Govan follow up - Meeting this week [OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Good morning,

DCC [redacted] is unable to attend on Thursday, DCC [redacted] will attend the meeting on his behalf.

Are you able to send a diary invite to DCC Crime Ops mail box please?

Thanks  
[redacted]

**From:** [redacted] [@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) **On Behalf Of** [CabSecJustice@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:CabSecJustice@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 12:34  
**To:** DCC Local Policing  
**Cc:** [CabSecJustice@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:CabSecJustice@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** Govan follow up - Meeting this week

Good Afternoon,

I understand the Cabinet Secretary for Justice spoke with DCC [redacted] over the weekend on the incidents that occurred and that there was an agreement for them both to meet, along with Councillor Susan Aitken, this week to discuss further.

Mr Yousaf has noted that DCC [redacted] may be unavailable this week so if so, an appropriate colleague from his team would of course be welcome to attend in his place.

I'm looking at Mr Yousaf's diary and there's very limited capacity but there is a slot on Thursday (05/09) at 15:30 in Parliament if that could work?  
Alternatively, we could look to do this meeting via video conference if DCC [redacted] (or an alternative) was unable to attend in person.

Kind regards,  
[redacted]

[redacted] | Deputy Private Secretary  
Office of Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice

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Ma th' inig am post-d seo thugad air mhearachd, leig fios sa bhad chun an neach a sgaoil e agus cuir 's dhan phost-d.

**From:** [redacted] <[@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:@glasgow.gov.uk)> **On Behalf Of** Aitken, Susan (Councillor)  
**Sent:** 05 September 2019 14:49  
**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Justice <[CabSecJustice@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJustice@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [redacted]<[@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:@glasgow.gov.uk)>; [redacted] <[@gov.scot](mailto:@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: Govan follow up - Meeting this week

Hi [redacted]

Sorry for the delay.

I am writing to advise that officers [redacted] and [redacted] accompany Cllr Aitken to the meeting with Mr Yousaf at 15:30 today.

Kind regards  
[redacted]

[redacted]- Support Officer  
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**From:** [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Aitken, Susan (Councillor)  
**Sent:** 04 September 2019 11:29  
**To:** [CabSecJustice@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJustice@gov.scot)  
**Cc:** [redacted] <[@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:@glasgow.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Govan follow up - Meeting this week

Dear [redacted]

Apologies for the delay. I can advise that Cllr Aitken will attend tomorrow – we are just finalising details and will confirm asap.

Kind regards  
[redacted]

**Susan Aitken**  
Scottish National Party (SNP)  
Ward 7 Langside  
[redacted]  
[redacted] [@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:@glasgow.gov.uk)

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**Cc:** [CabSecJustice@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecJustice@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** RE: Govan follow up - Meeting this week  
**Importance:** High

Good Morning,

I wonder if there has been an opportunity to consider the email below?

I've had confirmation from a representative from Police Scotland and am looking to firm this meeting up in Mr Yousaf's diary, will Cllr Aitken be able to attend?

Kind regards,  
[redacted]

[redacted] Deputy Private Secretary  
Office of Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice

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**Subject:** Govan follow up - Meeting this week

Good Afternoon,

I understand the Cabinet Secretary for Justice spoke with Counsellor Susan Aitken over the weekend on the incidents that occurred and that there was an agreement for them both to meet, with a represent from Police Scotland, this week to discuss further.

I'm looking at Mr Yousaf's diary and there's very limited capacity, as I imagine there is in Ms Aitken's diary as well, but there is a slot on Thursday (05/09) at 15:30 in Parliament if that could work?

Alternatively, we could look to do this meeting via video conference if Ms Aitken was unable to attend in person.

Kind regards,  
[redacted]

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