

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS COMMITTEE, 22 August 2019

A proposed procession by the group Cairde Na Heireann (Calton Republicans) was considered by the council's Public Processions Committee on 22 August, 2019.

The organiser had notified the council of its intention to carry out a procession, with around 100 participants, between Watson St and Clyde St at 11.30

You can read the full report that went to the Public Processions Committee here.

<http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/submissiondocuments.asp?submissionid=94445>

THEREFORE the said Council orders:

1. That the procession should take place on 7 September 2019 along the amended route agreed to by the organiser at the committee meeting of 22 August 2019. The Procession will now start from Millroad Street and proceed by way of Tobago Street; Stevenson Street; Green Street; London Road; Bain Street; Gallowgate; Moir Street; London Road; Trongate, Saltmarket and dispersing at La Passionara Monument in Clyde Street.

The reasons for the imposing a condition is:

1. The procession organiser consented to the amended procession route.
2. The Committee concluded that, on balance, it is considered that there would be a clear risk that if the procession was allowed to proceed as originally proposed there would be a high likelihood of public disorder. The Committee considered it necessary to place a proportionate condition on the procession to mitigate the risk.
3. The approach adopted by the Committee recognises the organiser's right of freedom of assembly and balances it against the risks, including the risks to the participants in the procession.

In reaching this decision the Committee placed reliance on the opinion of Chief Inspector Stevie Hazlett of Police Scotland as stated in his written submission (Appendix 1 to the Report by the Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council) and in his submissions to the Committee regarding the risks arising should the procession proceed along the route as originally notified.