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## **MORAY COUNCIL EMERGENCY CABINET**

**WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 2020**

The undernoted Emergency Notice of Motion has been added to the agenda for the meeting of the Moray Council Emergency Cabinet to be held on Wednesday 12 August 2020 at 9:30 am, in terms of Section 50B (4)(b) of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 by reason of special circumstances on the Convener accepting the Emergency Notice of Motion as urgent business.

**NOTE REFERRED TO:-**

**6a) Emergency Notice of Motion by Councillors G Leadbitter and T Coull**

## **Urgent Notice of Motion to Emergency Cabinet - 12 August 2020**

### **Street Cleansing Resources**

#### **Reason for urgency**

The Street Cleansing staffing resource referred to in this motion is also used in the cleaning of public conveniences and this proposal is only feasible when considered alongside the options for public conveniences. This proposal has been put together taking into consideration the resource implications that are published in the report on Public Conveniences, therefore could not be submitted until after the agenda had been published with that information and relevant officers had been consulted with.

#### **Motion**

Emergency Cabinet recognises the concerns raised by constituents with councillors across the region regarding street cleansing and, in particular, excess waste in and around public litter bins.

Emergency Cabinet further notes the unprecedented pressures that our waste team are experiencing with Covid-19 restrictions leading to less frequent recycle collections, significantly larger residential waste volumes and significant changes in the waste being generated in some of our public spaces, notably in coastal communities due to increased leisure usage and in town centres due to a large increase in usage of disposable food and drink containers. Increased volumes in residential collection requires our vehicles to make more frequent trips to offload waste, adding to the time taken to complete street collections and putting further pressure on resources.

Emergency Cabinet notes that this pattern of waste generation has led to a requirement to utilise some street cleansing staff to supplement roadside collection crews in residential areas and further recognises that the pattern of waste being generated continues to change over time as Covid-19 restrictions change.

While we would encourage people to take waste home if public bins have filled up quickly at busy times that isn't always practical and doesn't always happen.

As an interim response Emergency Cabinet agrees to commit up to £15k from reserves for the current budget year only to support our waste team to maintain cleanliness standards in relation to the emptying of public bins at litter hotspots. Resource pressures and requirements for the 2021/22 budget will be considered through the 2021/22 budget setting process.

#### **Proposer**

**Councillor Graham Leadbitter**

**Chair of Economic Development & Infrastructure Services**

#### **Seconder**

**Councillor Theresa Coull**

**Vice-Chair of Economic Development & Infrastructure Services**