3 OLD STEEPLE REQUESTS FOR BELL RINGING (AN230-2007)

Dundee City Council is responsible for the Old Steeple and receives occasional requests to allow local and visiting teams to ring the bells.

Recent bell ringing sessions have resulted in some complaints from the public and local traders and Committee approval is now sought to agree a policy which takes into account these concerns whilst accommodating requests from bell ringing teams.

It is recommended that one session of up to one hour be granted once per month, and that a request for a full peal, which lasts for up to three and a half hours, be granted only on an occasional basis and not more than once in any year, unless in exceptional circumstances, which would require authorisation from the Leisure, Arts and Communities Convener. Such circumstances might include a national celebration or significant local anniversary.

It is further recommended that peals be limited whenever possible to out of office hours to minimise impact on local businesses.

The Committee's approval is requested.