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Dear Presiding Officer

## **REVIEW OF LOCAL RESTRICTIONS IN ABERDEEN AND OUTCOMES**

I wrote to you on Friday 21 August to advise you that we would be undertaking a mid-cycle review of the restrictions in Aberdeen on Sunday 23 August.

The First Minister has reviewed the information available to her and I am writing to you to inform you of the outcomes which are stated below.

Following a SGORR meeting yesterday which included partners from Aberdeen City Council, NHS Grampian and Police Scotland, (Sunday 23 August) the First Minister set out a timeline for the lifting of travel restrictions, limits on indoor meetings and the opening of hospitality. A number of restrictions were lifted at midnight last night so that by today (Monday 24 August) Aberdeen will be broadly in line with the rest of Scotland. From today the five-mile travel limit, restrictions on gatherings and limitations on hospital and care home visits will be lifted. Businesses due to open today in line with the national route map can also reopen, with the exception of cafes, restaurants or any hospitality element within them.

These, along with restaurants, pubs, casinos and other hospitality premises, will be able to open from Wednesday 26 August, only once an environmental health check has been completed.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Convenors of the COVID-19 Committee and the Health and Sport Committee.

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