
To: Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board

On: 30th March, 2015

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: **Petition: Bus Stop, Renfrew Road**

1. Summary

- 1.1 A petition, comprising around 75 signatures, has been received from Ms Mary Quigley in the undernoted terms

“To move the bus stop from outside of Trident House in the Renfrew Road, because of danger to passengers alighting from buses at this stop, and then having to either cross at the entrance to the M8 Motorway in order to access the Abbotsinch Estate, or either crossing the exit from the M8 Motorway to access the bottom end of Gallowhill. Residents of Gallowhill want the bus stop put back to where it was previously sited, before a serious injury or fatal accident occurs.”

- 1.2 The Head of Amenity Services has advised that the bus stop was moved to make way for the access road for the new retail development on Renfrew Road so it cannot go back to its original position. This bus stop was one of a pair, one on either side of the pedestrian crossing, so there is still a bus stop where passengers can get off close to a controlled crossing point. He advises that in terms of the road layout this is a very difficult area to find a suitable location for a bus stop. There are two roundabouts and an on-slip and an off-slip for the M8. There is no other place to put it except at Trident House, where it has been operating safely for the last 10 months.

He further advises that a pedestrian survey has been undertaken to determine the routes people use near the stop including the roundabout to the retail park and the slip roads to the M8 motorway. These results

are still being analysed but he is aware of the issues and is trying to establish what pedestrian facilities are required. SPT's guidelines say there should be at least 450m between stops so this one is actually unnecessary and one option might be to remove it entirely.

- 1.3 The petition is valid in terms of the Council's procedures for dealing with petitions and the principal petitioner, together with one supporter, has been invited to attend the meeting and they will be asked to make a statement, lasting no more than 10 minutes, in support of the petition.
- 1.4 The role of the Board is to consider the petition, hear and ask questions of the petitioner and take the appropriate action in respect of the petition which will be one of the following: (a) that no action is taken, in which case the reasons will be specified and intimated to the petitioner; (b) that the petition be referred to the relevant director/and or policy board for further investigation, with or without any specific recommendation; or (c) refer the petition to another organisation if the petition relates to that organisation.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Board hear from the petitioner
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – none.
 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none.
 3. **Community Planning** – none.
 4. **Legal** – none
 5. **Property/Assets** – none.
 6. **Information Technology** – none.
 7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
 8. **Health & Safety** – none.
 9. **Procurement** – none.
 10. **Risk** – none.
 11. **Privacy Impact** – none.
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List of Background Papers – (a) petition form; (b) e-mail from Community Resources dated 24 February, 2015

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