

**To:                      Audit, Scrutiny & Petitions Board**

**On:                      20 March 2017**

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**Report by:            Director of Finance and Resources**

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**Heading:              Petition: Speed Bumps at the Wickets, Paisley**

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## **1.      Summary**

- 1.1      A petition was been received from Joseph Jackson, Chairperson, on behalf of the Wickets Residents Association, in the undernoted terms:

“The Wickets Residents Association

Speeding by some drivers through the Wickets estate is persistent. The Association committee over the last 4 years has striven to address the issues, but to little effect.

The committee wish Renfrewshire Council to approve 3 sets of speed bumps within the estate.”

- 1.2      The petition was considered by the Board at its meeting held on 28 November 2016 when it was agreed that the Transportation Manager undertake further discussions with the petitioners and that a site visit be arranged with Police Scotland; that the Transportation Manager and representatives of the Residents Association; and that the petitioner, together with Police Scotland be invited to a future meeting of the Board at which the petition would be considered further.
- 1.3      The Transportation Manager has advised that a site meeting was held with Police Scotland to consider the need for any traffic management measures within this small estate. The Police advised that the development was constructed in such a way that the road network makes speeding very difficult. No further measures are proposed for this estate. However the Police would follow up details of the vehicle(s) which residents consider to be breaking the speed limit.
- 1.4      The principal petitioner, together with one supporter, has been invited to attend this meeting in order that the petition may be considered further.

- 1.5 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.
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## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Board resumes consideration of the petition.
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## **3 Background**

- 3.1 The Head of Amenity Services advised the Board at its meeting held on 28 November 2016 that he could confirm that there were no injury accidents recorded on this length of road over the last three-year period. However Renfrewshire Council was aware that there have been reports of speeding in this area but there had not been any evidence to support this. He indicated that he would raise this with Police Scotland who may wish to carry out some speed monitoring.
- 3.2 The Board at its meeting held on 28 November 2016 having heard from the petitioner and the Transportation Manager agreed that the Transportation Manager undertake further discussions with the petitioners and that a site visit be arranged with Police Scotland; that the Transportation Manager and representatives of the Residents Association; and that the petitioner, together with Police Scotland be invited to a future meeting of the Board at which the petition would be considered further.
- 3.3 The Transportation Manager has provided an update following the site visit and this is detailed at paragraph 1.3 of this report.
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## **Implications of this report**

- 1. Financial Implications – none**
- 2. HR and Organisational Development Implications – none**
- 3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications – none**
- 4. Legal Implications – none**
- 5. Property/Assets Implications – none**

**6. Information Technology Implications – none**

**7. Equality and Human Rights Implications**

- (a) 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 because for example it is for noting only. 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 and Safety Implications – none**

**9. Procurement Implications – none**

**10. Risk Implications – none**

**11. Privacy Impact – none**

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**List of Background Papers – petition**

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