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

**On:** 25 January, 2016

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

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**Heading:** **Petition: Inchinnan Junction, A8, Greenock Road**

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**1. Summary**

**1.1** A petition has been received from Martin Rollo, secretary, Inchinnan Community Council in the following terms:

“To reduce the speed limit at Inchinnan Junction, A8, Greenock Road currently 50mph. ICC are promoting a petition to reduce the speed limit on approximately 500M of two carriageways of the Greenock Road A8, Inchinnan Junction at Old Greenock Road. This is a dangerous and badly sighted intersection with massive traffic at peak times displaying complicated and confusing rights of way and is an area of frequent accidents. The road is bounded by a very busy Bus Depot, a Post Office/Supermarket and a Public house which have non controlled exits joining onto a 50mph A Road. Vehicle parking also contributes to the overall confusion of lane use. A junction improvement plan promised by Renfrewshire Council this year has again been delayed for budgetary reasons, leaving the public and the village with no near term safety improvement for users. We consider that the speed limit of this road is too fast and would like to have it lowered and by doing so would help alleviate accidents.

Action Requested from Council: Renfrewshire Council Roads are requested to pursue the reduction of the petitioned speed, communicate and engage with appropriate government departments to make this change and to install the appropriate signage and structures.”

- 1.2 The Head of Amenity Services has intimated that in line with the Guidelines for setting speed limits and in consultation with the police, the Council reduced the speed limit to 50mph. Whilst the Council desired a lower limit the Guidelines and the position taken by the then Strathclyde Police did not support this. For the Council to pursue a lower limit it would be necessary to gain the support of Police Scotland and promote a traffic order. It is recommended therefore that the petitioners meet with Council representatives and Police Scotland to discuss these issues.
- 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.

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## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Board hears 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**
  - (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. 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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**Background papers:** petition form

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