

To: Audit, Scrutiny & Petitions Board

On: 20 March 2017

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Petition: Corsebar Road, Paisley

1. Summary

- 1.1. At the meeting of the Board held on 30 November, 2015 consideration was given to a petition by Ms Dryburgh in the undernoted terms:
“As I have become visually impaired and can no longer drive I have to access buses and also have to frequently attend clinics at the RAH. Trying to cross Corsebar Road is very difficult and dangerous, even for people who are elderly or disabled. I think there is an urgent need for a pedestrian crossing or even just a central island near the entrance to the RAH driveway”.
- 1.2. The Board considered the petition subsequently at meetings held on 15 February and 28 November 2016.
- 1.3. At the meeting of the Board held on 28 November 2016, the Board agreed that the petition be continued further and that the Transportation Manager liaise with the Royal Alexandra Hospital in relation to their views on a pedestrian crossing on Corsebar Road in the vicinity of the entrance to the hospital. It was also agreed that with reference to the Head of Amenity Services comment that the site's injury record did not justify an intervention, the Board be provided with details of the injury record and what would justify an intervention.
- 1.4. The Transportation Manager advises that Community Resources has contacted management staff at the RAH hospital and asked their views on the need for a controlled crossing point at the entrance to the hospital on Corsebar Road. RAH management have advised that they are not aware of any requests or any need for a crossing point at this location as bus services provide access to the main entrance of the hospital building. Community Resources has indicated that they are not proposing to pursue this request for a pedestrian crossing at this location.

- 1.5 The Transportation Manager further advises that there were three slight accidents, one Sept 2015 one November 2015, and the other Jan 2016. These were at the top of Corsebar Road between Corsebar Crescent, Thornwood Drive and at Cross Road. These were not near the section we had the site visit and there were no pedestrians involved in any of these accidents and none of these accidents would have been preventable if a crossing point was available at the hospital.
- 1.6 The principal petitioner, together with one supporter, has been invited to attend this meeting in order that the petition may be considered further.
- 1.7 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 Board were advised that the Head of Amenity Services had indicated that a request had been received in 2013 for pedestrian facilities in Corsebar Road which resulted in a vehicle and pedestrian survey. Unfortunately the results of the survey did not justify any pedestrian facilities and no further action was taken. As a result of the RAH parking policy Renfrewshire Council had promoted a Traffic Regulation Order to restrict parking on Craw Road and Ricartsbar Avenue. The Council was currently looking at restrictions for Corsebar Road near to the entrance to the hospital.
- 3.2 At the meeting of the Board held on 30 November 2015 it was agreed that it be recommended to the Director of Community Resources that a further vehicle and pedestrian survey be undertaken; that a site visit be arranged for those members of the Board who wished to attend; and that the outcome be reported to a future meeting of the Board at which consideration of the petition would be resumed. The site visit took place on 14 December, 2015.
- 3.3 Consideration of the petition was resumed at the meeting of the Board held on 15 February 2016 at which time the Board noted the outcome of the survey and the conclusion by the Head of Amenity Services that neither side of the hospital entrance showed an appreciable bias in terms of number of pedestrians wishing to cross.

He considered that a signalised crossing will not significantly reduce pedestrian waiting times. The site's injury record does not justify an intervention. There is no observed justification for a signalised crossing based on pedestrian waiting times.

- 3.4 The Board noted that the location, together with the likelihood that pedestrians crossing at this site were infirm and required longer than average time to cross the road, presented exceptional circumstances. It was also noted that a pedestrian crossing had been installed in Stanley Road, which had significantly less traffic or pedestrians waiting to cross. It was agreed it be recommended to the Director of Community Resources that: (a) the rationale for the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Stanley Road be examined and compared against the Corsebar Road site; (b) all factors be taken into account to make an exceptional case for a pedestrian crossing near the RAH entrance; and (c) the options identified be reported to a future meeting of the Board when consideration of this matter would be resumed.
 - 3.5 The Head of Amenity Services has indicated that the pelican crossing on Stanley Road, Paisley provides a safe crossing point for pedestrians from the Glenburn area to walk to Meikleriggs and vice versa and also access to a playing field. He has indicated that Community Resources will investigate the possibility of installing a crossing near to the entrance of the hospital. However, they are currently addressing parking issues outside the cottages on Corsebar Road and this will have to be taken into consideration.
 - 3.6 The Board gave further consideration to the petition at its meeting held on 28 November 2016 when it was agreed that the petition be continued further and that the Transportation Manager liaise with the Royal Alexandra Hospital in relation to their views on a pedestrian crossing on Corsebar Road in the vicinity of the entrance to the hospital. It was also agreed that with reference to the Head of Amenity Services comment that the site's injury record did not justify an intervention, the Board be provided with details of the injury record and what would justify an intervention. The Transportation Manager's report is as set out in paragraph's 1.4 and 1.5 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**

List of Background Papers – petition

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