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

**On: 21 March 2016**

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

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**Heading: Petition: Removal of Staff from Recycling Centres**

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**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Council has agreed procedures in relation to the submission of petitions including parameters for determining valid petitions and those areas where petitions would not be valid.
- 1.2 All valid petitions are to be submitted to the Board for consideration and a summary report is to be prepared on any petitions which are not considered to be valid in terms of the procedures and it is for the Board to determine the validity of such petitions.
- 1.3 A petition has been received which relates to the decision to remove staff from recycling centres in Renfrew, Linwood, Johnstone and Erskine.
- 1.4 The Head of Corporate Governance considers that the petition is not valid in terms of the following paragraph of the procedures:
- 3(b) (x) 'petitions about any decision we have made as a Council, or decisions a board, committee, joint committee or officer has made in the last six months'.*

- 1.5 At its meeting on 2 December 2015 the Leadership Board considered a report entitled “Better Council Change Programme” and agreed, among other things, that the proposals outlined in paragraph 3.6 of the report in relation to waste and amenity services be approved. That paragraph includes specific reference to the proposal that the four recycling centres mentioned in the petition are converted to self service “bring sites”, supported by a small mobile staffing resource operated during opening times.
- 1.6 It is for the Board to determine the validity of the petition and whether they wish to hear it.
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## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Board determine the validity of the petition and whether they wish to hear it.
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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** - none  
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) Council procedures for dealing with petitions.
  - (b) Better Council Change Programme – report dated 02/12/16
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