

To: Audit, Scrutiny & Petitions Board

On: 20 March 2017

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Petition: Bus Shelter, Barrhead Road, Paisley

1. Summary

- 1.1 A petition comprising around 100 signatures was received from Ms Jessie McEwan "To reinstate the bus stop and shelter on Barrhead Road, adjacent to Barscube Terrace – because of concerns and issues of access for those disabled and elderly passengers."
- 1.2 The Board considered the petition at its meetings held on 28 November 2016 and 13 February 2017. At the meeting on 13 February 2017 it was agreed that the petition be continued for a site visit.
- 1.3 The site visit took place on 2 March 2017.
- 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.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Board considers the petition further following the site visit.
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3. Background

- 3.1 Head of Amenity Services advises that the bus shelter at Barrhead Road opposite Cartha Crescent, Paisley has been assessed for safety reasons by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and Renfrewshire Council. Access from the footpath to the shelter is by 4 steps which is not DDA compliant. In addition access into the shelter is restricted to less than 1 metre and as a result has been decommissioned on safety grounds. Strathclyde Partnership for Transport has removed the bus stop flag and advised the bus operators that they should no longer use this stop. However the shelter will have to remain in place as it forms part of the bus shelter advertising contract and subject to planning permission. The nearest stop and shelter is approximately 90 metres southeast of the decommissioned stop.
- 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 investigate what measures would be required to make the shelter DDA compliant and that the petitioner be invited to a future meeting of the Board at which the petition would be considered further.
- 3.3 The Transportation Manager has advised that the potential for making this shelter bus-compliant for use by disabled people has been investigated further which identified that the level difference is significant between the road surface and the footway. This would involve regrading the ground levels to enable access by wheel-chair users which would be extensive and involve building retaining walls. This location is not practical for a bus stop or shelter.
- 3.4 The petition was continued in order that a site visit could take place with the petitioner, relevant officers, members who wished to attend and representatives from Strathclyde Passenger Transport.

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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