
To: Audit, Scrutiny & Petitions Board

On: 21 March 2016

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Petition: Road Safety, Shortroods Road, Paisley

1. Summary

1.1. At the meeting of this Board held on 15 February 2016, it was agreed, at the petitioner's request, to continue consideration of the petition to the next meeting to allow the petitioner to attend.

1.2. Previously, at the meeting of the Board held on 30 November, 2015 consideration was given to a petition by Mr J Haraburda in the undernoted terms:

“Install speed bumps on Shortroods Road. Residents at Shortroods Road (between Springbank Road and Fullerton Street) some reckless drivers are putting lives at risk as well as causing a noise nuisance. Now the residents have handed over a petition with 15 signatures to Renfrewshire Council Paisley, asking for speed bumps to be put in.”

1.2 The Board heard that the Head of Amenity Services had intimated that this area of Paisley had been redeveloped recently with new housing and roads infrastructure. The new roads infrastructure included speed humps and raised junctions throughout the development. There was a speed hump on Shortroods Road and then a series of raised junctions all of which had a red textured surface and new warning triangles. The road was also a bus route which would normally have speed cushions but in this instance had full width humps. Existing traffic calming was well-designed and relatively new and there were no plans to alter this.

1.3 It was agreed that it be recommended to the Director of Community Resources that an un-illuminated driver feedback signal be installed to determine driver behaviour at the location; 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.

- 1.4 The Head of Amenity Services has advised that speed detectors were installed on Shortroods Road from 7 – 18 January 2016. Speeds were measured in both directions. The speed below which 85% of the traffic was travelling was 17 mph, in both directions. The traffic calming measures on Shortroods Road are designed to limit speeds to 20 mph.
- 1.5 The Head of Amenity Services concludes that the recorded speeds show that the traffic calming measures on Shortroods Road are effective and that there is no justification for an intervention to change them.
- 1.6 The principal petitioner has been asked to return in order that the Board may resume consideration of this petition.
- 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

- 1.3. That the Board resumes consideration of the petition.
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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

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 – none

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