

To: Petitions Board

On: 28 March 2022

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Petition – Cycle Lane, Johnstone

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. It is for the Board to determine the validity of such petitions.

1.3 A petition containing 1532 has been received in relation to the temporary cycle lane in Beith Road. Johnstone.

1.4 The Council at its meeting on 3 March 2022 approved the following Motions in relation to the cyler path:

“Council notes that during the lengthy trial of a temporary cycle lane on Beith Road, Johnstone, material changes have arisen since this council last considered this issue, specifically:

Ongoing difficulties in maintaining the lane free of debris and/or water, forcing cyclists out into the flow of traffic; road safety concerns regarding road users and pedestrians at the junction of Beith Road and Linn Brae; traffic going the wrong way on Beith Road due to uncertainty over road markings, and the impact on business along the route due to changes in parking layout.

Council also notes that public disquiet has remained regarding the installation and operation of this section of the cycle route. A requirement of the temporary cycleway was to gain and maintain public support during the trial period. This particular installation is not demonstrating that it is achieving that aim.

Council therefore agrees to the decommission/removal of the Beith Road section of the cycle lane with immediate effect and to examine alternative plans which would provide safe, off-road cycling provision for this area.”; and

"Beith Road Cycle Path

Council is dismayed at the effect of the cycle path on the Beith Road and instructs that all changes revert back to the initial set-up"

1.5 The Head of Corporate Governance considers that the petition is not valid in terms of paragraph 3 (x) of the procedures:

“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”.

1.6 It is for the Board to determine the validity of the petition and whether they wish to hear it.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Board determine the validity of the Petition and whether to hear it

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – none.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none
3. **Community/Council 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.
- 12. **Climate Risk** – none
- 13. **Cosla Policy Position** – not applicable

List of Background Papers

(a) Background Paper – 1 Petition

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