

To: Petitions Board

On: 29 January 2018

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Petition: Traffic Concerns, Newmains Road, Renfrew

Summary

- 1.1 A petition comprising around 20 signatures was received from Ms Alexa Lang in the undernoted terms:

“To address traffic concerns, in particular “speeding” on Newmains Road, Renfrew”

- 1.2 The Petition was considered at the meeting of the former Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board held on 28 November 2016 when it was agreed that consideration of the petition be continued pending further discussions with Police Scotland. The petition was then considered at the meeting of this Board held on 7 June 2017 when it was agreed that the matter be continued further to the Board on 30 August to allow the petitioner and Police Scotland to attend. The petition was further considered at meetings of this Board held on 30 August and 7 November 2017.

- 1.3 The Head of Amenity Services had previously advised that he was aware of speeding complaints on Newmains Road, Renfrew. Speed measurements had been carried out previously on this length of road and average speeds were recorded up to 27mph. An accident analysis was carried out which showed no evidence of any injury accidents in the latest three-year period. There has not been an injury accident on Newmains Road since 2012.

The Head of Amenity Services passed the matter to Police Scotland for their comments. A plan of the area is appended.

- 1.4 The Head of Amenity Services advised that the results from the Driver Feedback Signs (DFS) that had been out in January 2016 showed an 85% speed at 32mph, indicating there was unlikely to be a speeding issue. The Head of Amenity Services further advised that it would not be normal practice to put DFS signs out again for a couple of years unless there was a major development.
- 1.5 Following the meeting of this Board held on 7 June 2017 Police Scotland advised the Transportation Manager that traffic police had been out on Newmains Road from 8 August until 31 August 2017 and no speeding issue had been identified.
- 1.6 At the meeting of this Board held on 30 August 2017, the Board agreed that consideration of the petition be continued to a future meeting and that the Board be advised of the findings of Police Scotland in relation to the petitioner's traffic concerns.
- 1.7 At the meeting of this Board held on 7 November 2017, the Head of Amenity Services advised that following the traffic police observations, Police Scotland had indicated that they had not identified any speeding issues on Newmains Road. However, they also indicated that because no suitable place could be identified for their equipment, observations were carried out by officers standing at the roadside in high visibility jackets. They would be very visible to drivers and it is possible that this would have affected driver behaviour at that time.
- 1.8 The Head of Amenity Services further advised that meeting that without evidence of speeding or accident statistics (no recorded injury accident in the last three years) there was currently no justification for implementing any speed reduction measures. However as Police Scotland had indicated there might be a speeding problem, the Council would install driver feedback signs to monitor vehicle speeds for a second time.
- 1.9 The Head of Amenity Services advises that the Driver Feedback Signs which were installed for a second time in December 2017 which showed an 85% speed at 32mph. These results did not identify a speeding issue therefore there are no plans for any traffic calming measures.
- 1.10 The role of the Board is to consider the petition 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. The Petitioner has been invited to attend the meeting.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Board gives further consideration to the petition.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – none
2. **HR and Organisational Development** – none
3. **Community Plan/Council Plan** – none
4. **Legal** – none
5. **Property/Assets** – none
6. **Information Technology** – none
7. **Equality and Human Rights**

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 and Safety** – none
 9. **Procurement** – none
 10. **Risk** – none
 11. **Privacy Impact** – none
 12. **Cosla Policy Position** – none
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List of Background Papers

List of Background Papers – petition form

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