

To: Petitions Board

On: 3 September 2018

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Petition: Bus Service from Renfrew to Queen Elizabeth University Hospital

1. Summary

- 1.1 A petition comprising around 570 signatures has been received from Ms Elaine McCrindle in the following terms:

“This Petition is to highlight real concerns about the number 21 McGills bus, now no longer servicing passengers back and forward to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, instead terminating at Braehead. This is a very valuable service to the Residents of Arkleston and Newmains, and other areas of Renfrew.

We would now like the opportunity to discuss this further at Renfrewshire Council Petitions Board, in the hope that our concerns can be passed on SPT as we are aware that Renfrewshire Council contributes to SPT in order that certain services are subsidising hospital services.”

- 1.2 The Head of Amenity Services has advised that SPT are aware of the withdrawal of McGills number 21 service to Queen Elizabeth Hospital and this service now terminates at Braehead. However, there are a further two services that operate from Braehead to Queen Elizabeth Hospital on a better than ten-minute frequency.

In addition, the Head of Amenity Services has advised that SPT are prohibited from operating a subsidised service that is in direct competition with a commercial service, and as there are two alternative services this would apply.

- 1.3 The petition is valid in terms of the Council's procedures for dealing with petitions and the principal petitioner, together with one supporter, has been invited to attend the meeting and they will be asked to make a statement, lasting no more than 10 minutes, in support of the petition.
- 1.4 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. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Board hears from the principal petitioner.
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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** - 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

12. Cosla Policy Position – not applicable.

List of Background Papers

List of Background Papers – petition form

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