

To: Petitions Board

On: 7 June 2017

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Petition: Traffic Concerns, Newmains Road, Renfrew

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board at its meeting held on 28 November 2016 considered a petition comprising around 20 signatures from Ms Alexa Lang in the undernoted terms:

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

- 1.2 At that meeting the Board noted that the Head of Amenity Services had advised that he was aware of speeding complaints on Newmains Road, Renfrew; that Newmains Road is wide with parking on both sides and links Paisley Road with Sandy Road; that speed measurements had been carried out on this length of road and average speeds were recorded up to 27mph; that an accident analysis had been carried out which showed no evidence of any injury accidents in the latest three-year period. It was further noted that the Head of Amenity Services had passed the matter to Police Scotland for their comments.

- 1.3 At the meeting of the Board held on 28 November 2016 the Board heard from the principal petitioner and the Transportation Manager and the Board agreed that consideration of the petition be continued to allow Police Scotland to conduct monitoring at appropriate times and that the petitioner and Police Scotland be invited to attend a future meeting at which consideration of the petition would be considered further.

- 1.4 The Head of Amenity Services advises that Police Scotland have advised that they could not use their equipment on Newmains Road. They indicated that they will send officers to the locus however they will be in Hi Viz vests so it is likely that this will reduce driver speed. The Head of Amenity advises that the results from the Driver Feedback Signs (DFS) that had been out in Jan 2016 and had been looked at and that these show 85% speed at 32mph, indicating that it is unlikely to be a speeding issue.
- 1.5 The Head of Amenity Services further advises that it would not be normal practice to put DFS signs out again for a couple of years unless there was a major development. In addition, there has not been an injury accident on Newmains Road since 2012.
- 1.6 The principal petitioner, together with one supporter, have been invited to attend this meeting of the Board.
- 1.7 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.
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2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Board resumes consideration of the petition.
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Implications of the 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

List of Background Papers – petition form

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