

To: Petitions Board

On: 30 August 2017

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Annual Report of Petitions received and their Outcomes

1. Summary

- 1.1 The annual report highlights petitions considered by the former Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board during the period September 2016 to March 2017 during which the Board met on four occasions.
- 1.2 Following the Local Government Elections in May 2017 and subsequent changes to the Council's decision-making structure approved at the Statutory Meeting on 18 May 2017, the petitions function was separated from the audit and scrutiny function and the Petitions Board was established. The Petitions Board met on one occasion during the reporting period. This report also highlights petitions considered by the Petitions Board in June 2017.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Annual Report on petitions received and their outcomes, be noted.
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3. **Background**

- 3.1 Seven petitions were considered by the former Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board and two by this Board during the period covered by the report, three of which were continued from the previous reporting period. Details of the petitions received and their outcomes are set out in the appendix to this report.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – none
 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none .
 3. **Community Planning** – none
 4. **Legal** – none
 5. **Property/Assets** – none
 6. **Information Technology** - none
 7. **Equality & 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 & 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 - None

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	Subject of Petition	Outcome	Update/progress
1	Request for speed bumps in Tiree Avenue for the safety of local children and drivers.	The Board noted that the petitioner did not wish to pursue the petition further and that no further action be taken on the petition.	N/A
2	Request for a pedestrian crossing or a central island near the entrance to the RAH driveway and request for a pedestrian crossing or central island on Corsebar Road near the entrance to the RAH driveway	The Board agreed that no further action be taken in relation to the petition and that the Convener write to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport in relation to why the routes of some bus services did not include the hospital. The Board agreed that the petition be continued to a future meeting of the Board and that the Transportation Manager liaise with the Royal Alexandra Hospital in relation to their views on a pedestrian crossing on Corsebar Road in the vicinity of the entrance to the hospital; and that with reference to the Head of Amenity Services' comment that the site's injury record did not justify an intervention, the Board be provided with details of the injury record and what would justify an intervention.	The petition has been discussed with the RAH management and they see no requirement for a crossing near to their entrance. The Council has no plans to provide a crossing at this location. The Board agreed that no further action be taken on the petition. A letter was issued to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport by the former Convener in May 2017. SPT responded indicating that all buses operating on Corsebar Road are scheduled to operate via the bus stop within the hospital grounds and that SPT will monitor services where concerns of poor service were highlighted. The Head of Amenity Services has confirmed that there have been no recorded incidences of accidents at the location over the past three years.
3	Request to make Sergeant Law Road at the junction of Gleniffer Braes safer for all road users by putting traffic calming	The Board agreed that the improvements which had been or were being put in place be noted; that it be recommended that the	The recommendations were carried out, reduction to 30mph speed limit has now been

	measures, i.e. reduce speed limit, all vegetation away from sides of road to allow drivers more visibility, install mirrors at junction, and any other safety measures which may be allowed.	proposed reduction in the speed limit from 60 mph to 40 mph be instead to 30 mph; that it be noted that the Transportation Manager would arrange a meeting with the petitioner and Police Scotland in relation to the recommended reduction to 30 mph; and that a site visit be arranged for those members of the Board who wished to attend.	implemented, refurbishment of the signage and lining carried out and vegetation cut back. The Transportation Manager has advised that he is in contact with the petitioner to keep her updated on the temporary Driver Feedback Signs that have been installed to monitor the speeds of vehicles.
4	Request to make the Council aware of the poor condition of Morar Crescent's Bishopston, Road Surface. Council action required would be to repair and re-surface the road in Morar Crescent, Bishopston to an acceptable standard.	The Board agreed that no action be taken on the petition and that it be recommended that Morar Crescent, Bishopston be assessed using the same criteria as all other roads in Renfrewshire in terms of being included in the 2017/18 programme.	N/A
5	Request to address traffic concerns, in particular 'speeding' on Newmains Road, Renfrew.	The Board agreed that the matter be referred to Police Scotland to conduct monitoring at appropriate times and that the petitioner and Police Scotland be invited to a future meeting of the Board at which time the petition would be considered further.	Petition to be considered further at the meeting of the Petitions Board to be held on 30 August 2017 - ongoing
6	Request for the removal of the safety hazard caused by the position of parking bays outside 86a Renfrew Road; for a Health and Safety assessment of the risk to be undertaken; and for the pavement to be re-instated and metal bollards on the pavement to prevent on pavement parking.	The Board agreed that the matters contained in the petition be referred to the Director of Community Resources with the recommendation that bollards be erected on the pavement outside the Petitioner's property.	The recommendations were carried out and the Transport Manager has advised that bollards have been installed.

7	Request for the reinstatement of the bus stop and shelter on Barhead Road, adjacent to Barscube Terrace - because of concerns and issues of access for disabled and elderly passengers."	The Board agreed that no further action be taken in relation to the petition and that a letter be sent to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport requesting that the bus shelter be removed as soon as it was contractually possible to do so.	
8	Request for 3 sets of speed bumps to be installed within the estate at The Wickets, Paisley	The Board agreed that no further action be taken in relation to the petition.	N/A
9	Request for concessionary or discounted fares for carers to assist with transport costs	The Board agreed that consideration of the petition be continued to allow the Board to be provided with further information on the number of carers in Renfrewshire.	Petition to be considered further at the meeting of the Petitions Board to be held on 30 August 2017 – ongoing