
To: Audit, Scrutiny & Petitions Board

On: 21 September, 2015

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: **Petition: Council Tenant**

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 and it is for the Board to determine the validity of such petitions.
- 1.3 A petition has been received which relates to a tenant in Paisley.
- 1.4 The Head of Corporate Governance considers that the petition is not valid in terms of the following paragraphs of the procedures: 3(b)(i) 'petitions about complaints or issues that should go through our normal procedures'; (vi) 'petitions which could be defamatory or discriminatory'; and (vii) 'petitions which accuse someone of breaking the law or codes of practice'. The petition is seeking the removal of the tenant from the property.
- 1.5 Development & Housing Services has advised that the local Housing Officer visited the principal petitioner to discuss her concerns and what assistance, if any, could be offered.
- 1.6 It is for the Board to determine the validity of the petition and whether they wish to hear it.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Board determine the validity of the petition and whether they wish to hear it.
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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**
 - (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
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Background papers: Council procedures in relation to petitions

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