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**To:                      Audit, Scrutiny & Petitions Board**

**On:                      15 February 2016**

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**Report by:            Director of Finance and Resources**

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**Heading:              Petition: Corsebar Road, Paisley**

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## **1.      Summary**

- 1.1.    At the meeting of the Board held on 30 November, 2015 consideration was given to a petition by Ms Dryburgh in the undernoted terms:

“As I have become visually impaired and can no longer drive I have to access buses and also have to frequently attend clinics at the RAH. Trying to cross Corsebar Road is very difficult and dangerous, even for people who are elderly or disabled. I think there is an urgent need for a pedestrian crossing or even just a central island near the entrance to the RAH driveway”.

- 1.2    The Board were advised that the Head of Amenity Services had indicated that a request had been received in 2013 for pedestrian facilities in Corsebar Road which resulted in a vehicle and pedestrian survey. Unfortunately the results of the survey did not justify any pedestrian facilities and no further action was taken. As a result of the RAH parking policy Renfrewshire Council had promoted a Traffic Regulation Order to restrict parking on Craw Road and Ricartsbar Avenue. The Council was currently looking at restrictions for Corsebar Road near to the entrance to the hospital.
- 1.3    It was agreed that it be recommended to the Director of Community Resources that a further vehicle and pedestrian survey be undertaken; that a site visit be arranged for those members of the Board who wished to attend; and that the outcome be reported to a future meeting of the Board at which consideration of the petition would be resumed.
- 1.4    The site visit took place on 14 December, 2015.
- 1.5    The Head of Amenity Services has advised that a survey of the time that pedestrians have to wait to cross Corsebar Road outside the Royal Alexandra Hospital was undertaken from 7am to 7pm on 2 December 2015. Pedestrians were observed over two lengths of Corsebar Road on either side of the entrance road to the hospital - Zone 1 to the north between the entrance and

Ricartsbar Avenue and Zone 2 to the south between the entrance and Glencorse Road.

- **Zone 1** - 42 people crossed towards the hospital and 57 crossed away from the hospital in the 12 hours surveyed. The maximum numbers crossing in any one hour were: 11 people crossed towards the hospital between 7am and 8am and 16 people crossed away from the hospital between 4pm and 5pm. The maximum wait was 48 seconds, the average wait was 18 seconds.
  - **Zone 2** - 66 people crossed towards the hospital and 67 crossed away from the hospital in the 12 hours surveyed. The maximum numbers crossing in any one hour were: 18 people crossed towards the hospital between 7am and 8am and 15 people crossed away from the hospital between 4pm and 5pm. The maximum wait was 55 seconds, the average wait was 15 seconds.
  - The operational timings of a standard signalised puffin crossing include pedestrian waiting times of between 26 and 66 seconds, which are on a par with the waiting times already experienced without a signalised crossing.
  - There have been two slight injury accidents in the past three years close to the bus stops to the north of the hospital entrance.
- 1.6 The Head of Amenity Services concludes that neither side of the hospital entrance showed an appreciable bias in terms of number of pedestrians wishing to cross. A signalised crossing will not significantly reduce pedestrian waiting times. The site's injury record does not justify an intervention. There is no observed justification for a signalised crossing based on pedestrian waiting times.
- 1.7 The principal petitioner has been asked to return in order that the Board may resume consideration of her petition.
- 1.8 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. Recommendation**

- 1.2. That the Board resumes consideration of the petition.
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### **Implications of this 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**
    - (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 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**
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### **List of Background Papers –**

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