

Transport & Environment Committee

10am, Tuesday, 29 October 2013

Ban cycling on City Centre pavements by cyclists over 12 years – Referral from the Petitions Committee

Item number	8.8
Report number	
Wards	Ward 11 – City Centre and City Wide

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Terms of Referral

Ban cycling on City Centre pavement by cyclists over 12 years

Terms of referral

On 5 September 2013 the Petitions Committee considered a report by the Director of Corporate Governance outlining the petition 'Ban cycling on City Centre pavements by cyclists over 12 years'.

The Petitions Committee agreed:

- 1) To refer the Petition to the Transport and Environment Committee.
- 2) To note that the Director of Services for Communities would investigate the possibility of including the promotion of cyclist/pedestrian safety within the Active Travel Action Plan & Road Safety Action Plan.
- 3) To note the discussions on the possibility of holding a city wide initiative in response to the issues in the petition
- 4) To note that Police Scotland would provide statistics on the number of and location of pedestrian/cyclist collisions and the number of fixed penalty notices issued for cycling on the footpath to the City of Edinburgh Council.
- 5) To ask that the issue of footpath cycling and its consequences be discussed further at Tactical and Co-ordination Groups (TAC) of Neighbourhood Partnerships and that an update be provided to the Petitions Committee within 12 months on any actions that have been taken.

For decision/action

The Petitions Committee has referred the attached report to the Transport and Environment Committee for consideration.

Background reading / external references

Petitions Committee 5 September 2013

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Coalition pledges	See attached report
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Appendices	Report by the Director of Corporate Governance

2.00pm, Thursday 5 September 2013

Petitions for Consideration: Overview Report

Item number	5.1
Report number	
Wards	Ward 11 – City Centre and City Wide

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Coalition pledges	
Council outcomes	CO23 & CO26
Single Outcome Agreement	

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Executive summary

Petitions for Consideration: Overview Report

Summary

The Committee is asked to consider one valid petition at this meeting.

Valid petition

Ban cycling on City Centre pavements by cyclists over 12 years

A valid petition entitled 'Ban cycling on City Centre pavements by cyclists over 12 years' has been received. The petition was submitted by a business and required the support of twenty other businesses on the Valuation Roll in Edinburgh.

The petition has received 64 signatures online and in paper format. Of these signatures, 26 were submitted by businesses and 26 were considered valid. In addition 38 signatures were received by individuals.

Details of this petition are set out in appendix one.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to consider the petition:

- 1.1 'Ban cycling on City Centre pavements by cyclists over 12 years' as set out in 5.1(a) of appendix one.

Measures of success

There are no immediate measures of success applicable to this report.

Financial impact

There is no financial impact arising from the consideration of these petitions.

Equalities impact

There is no equalities impact arising from the consideration of these petitions.

Environmental impact

There is no environmental impact arising from the consideration of these petitions.

Consultation and engagement

There are no consultation or engagement requirements at this part of the process.

Background reading / external references

[Petitions webpages](#)

[Council Webcasting](#)

Links

Coalition pledges

Council outcomes CO23 Well engaged and well informed – Communities and individuals are empowered and supported to improve local outcomes and foster a sense of community
CO26 The Council engages with stakeholders and works in partnership to improve services and deliver on agreed objectives

Single Outcome Agreement

Appendices Appendix one: Petitions for Consideration

Appendix 1 - Petitions for Consideration

5.1(a)	22 July 2013	<p>Ban cycling on City Centre pavements by cyclists over 12 years</p> <p>We request that tough measures are taken to prevent cyclists from cycling on pavements within the busy City Centre pavements, especially in the Tram Construction works areas, where metal fencing further restricts pavement width. There are many cyclists weaving through the pavements, where people with prams, buggies, wheelchairs and disabled scooters are trying to pass. People with walking difficulties, loss of hearing or sight are further placed in danger as they are less likely to be aware of a bicycle coming along a pavement from behind. Young children are also placed in danger, as are dog walkers. It is particularly bad around the Haymarket Station area where there is the additional danger towards holiday makers / tourists arriving with bulky and heavy cases, totally unaware that cyclists</p>	Ward 11 – City Centre and Citywide	64 signatures

		<p>are sharing the pavement. It creates a very bad first impression of the City, especially alongside the construction works for the trams. It is suggested that Fines should be imposed on those flouting a ban in the same way Fines are imposed on motorists. Younger children, especially on bicycles with stabilisers or tricycles cannot be expected to join traffic on roads, hence requesting the ban on cyclists over the age of 12.</p>		