

# Petitions Committee

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## Ongoing, Invalid and Unsuccessful Petitions: Overview Report

Item number	5.2
Report number	
Wards	City Wide

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## Summary

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The Committee is asked to note that there are no active petitions open for signatures on the Council website and that one invalid petition had been received.

### Invalid petitions –

- A petition entitled ‘Kirkliston 0 - 4 group’ was received on 26 November 2014.

This petition cannot be considered as it does not meet the petitions criteria. Details of this petition including the reasons why it is invalid are set out in Appendix one.

## Recommendations

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- 1.1 To note that there are currently no active petitions open for signatures on the Council website.
- 1.2 To note that one invalid petition was received as set out in Appendix one.

## Measures of success

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

## Financial impact

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

## Equalities impact

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

## Environmental impact

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

## Consultation and engagement

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

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## Background reading / external references

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[Petitions Webpage](#)

[Council Webcasting](#)

## Links

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### 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: Invalid Petitions

# Appendix 1 - Invalid Petitions

Item Number	Date received	Petition Title and Petition Statement	Wards affected	Reason for rejection	Further Action Taken
5.2(a)	26/11/2014	<p><b>Kirkliston 0 - 4 group</b></p> <p>We call upon Edinburgh Council to continue/re-instate the 0 – 4 group at Kirkliston Community Centre on exactly the same basis as similar groups run in other parts of Edinburgh. This session has run at Kirkliston for circa 14 years and delivers educational and social benefits to many in the Kirkliston community. The sessions are regularly full and participation is high.</p>	Almond	<p>Invalid in terms of petitions criteria 2(2) as the petition statement contains false or defamatory statements.</p> <p>The petition was considered to hold false statements as the withdrawal of direct support for the group would mean it is being run on exactly the same basis as similar groups are in other parts of Edinburgh.</p>	<p>City of Edinburgh Council Officers have met with representatives from the group and have made a commitment to review the arrangements and to work with them to find a solution that they feel comfortable with in relation to ongoing support.</p>