

Petitions Committee

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Ongoing, Invalid and Unsuccessful Petitions: Overview Report

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Summary

The Committee is asked to note that two invalid petitions have been received and that one petition is open for signatures.

Invalid petitions –

- ‘Say NO to 20 mph Campaign’ was received on 20 January 2015.
- ‘Save Duncan Place Resource Centre’ was received on 26 February 2015.

These petitions cannot be considered as they do not meet the petitions criteria. Details of these petitions including the reasons why they are invalid are set out in Appendix one.

Ongoing petitions –

- ‘Edinburgh Conscientious Objectors Memorial’ was received on 19 March 2015.

The petition is currently open for signatures on the Council website until 4 June 2015. Details of this petition are set out in Appendix two.

Recommendations

- 1.1 To note that two invalid petitions were received as set out in Appendix one.
- 1.2 To note that the petition ‘Edinburgh Conscientious Objectors Memorial’ is open for signature on the Council website until 4 June 2015 or until the next available meeting of the Petition Committee after the minimum signatories have been reached.

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](#)

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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

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Appendix 1 - Invalid Petitions

Item Number	Date Received	Petition Title and Petition Statement	Wards Affected	Reason for Rejection
5.3(a)	20/01/2015	<p>Say NO to 20 mph Campaign</p> <p>Edinburgh City Council are planning to make 80% of Edinburgh's roads a 20mph zone. There is no evidence to support this result and also no money as the council pleads to be CASH STRAPPED !! The 2.5million to be spent on this project should be spend on fixing the potholes and other services in our lovely city of Edinburgh rather than having a bottle neck, slow moving, traffic jammed city ! We are not against 20mph limit zones in school, park or play areas. This should be put to the Citizens of Edinburgh as a whole, not 2500 of hand-picked people that give the drip fed answers from the transport committee.</p>	City Wide	Invalid in terms of petitions criteria 1(3) as it relates to a decision of the Council or a committee within the previous six month period.

Item Number	Date Received	Petition Title and Petition Statement	Wards Affected	Reason for Rejection
5.3(b)	20/01/2015	<p>Save Duncan Place Resource Centre</p> <p>We, the users and friends of Duncan Place Resource Centre in Leith, demand that the City of Edinburgh Council halt their decision to demolish Duncan Place Resource Centre (4 Duncan Place, Leith, EH6 8HW) and allow the users group Management Committee time to make proposals and to explore other, less destructive options for the well-attended centre.</p> <p>We also demand that CEC commit that community provision WILL be maintained at the 4 Duncan Place, Leith, EH6 8HW and that such community provision matches or exceeds what is already available at the current facility.</p>	Leith	<p>Invalid in terms of petitions criteria 1(1) and 1(3) as it relates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a planning, licensing or other matters where objections and appeals against decisions are dealt with by another process . - a decision of the Council or a committee within the previous six month period.

Appendix 2 - Ongoing Petitions

Item Number	Date Received	Petition Title and Petition Statement	Wards Affected
5.3(c)	19/03/15	<p>Edinburgh Conscientious Objectors Memorial</p> <p>With respect to the life and death choices of all those who have taken part in or supported wars we the undersigned therefore call upon the City of Edinburgh Council to grant the use of a permanent public space within the precincts of Princes St Gardens and to provide material and financial support for a memorial to Conscientious Objectors and those who oppose wars. We ask that this be facilitated by February 2016 to coincide with the centenary of the passage of the Military Service Act which led to conscription in 1916.</p> <p>With the Centenary of the First World War there is a feeling that there should be a memorial in Scotland's capital city to conscientious objectors and opponents of wars which would henceforth provide a public focus for those who wish to gather to remember all those, past or present, refusing to participate in or opposing wars.</p> <p>Taking this stance meant considerable hardship for those who refused to participate in or support the First World War and their families, that over 300 British "Deserters" were shot, and Conscientious Objectors were subjected to harsh treatment by the military, in prison, and in their communities and 73 First World War conscientious objectors died in or following imprisonment; their courageous stance cleared the way for improved recognition of the right to oppose war and to refuse to take part in wars and helped lay the foundations for the promotion of peaceful means for the resolution of conflicts and for achieving a just peace.</p>	City Wide