

Item 5.1 - Business Bulletin

Petitions Committee

2.00pm, Thursday, 5 November 2015

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

This is a public meeting and members of the public are welcome to attend


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Petitions Committee

Convener	Members	Contact
<p>Councillor Booth</p> 	<p>Councillor Balfour</p> <p>Councillor Dixon</p> <p>Councillor Donaldson</p> <p>Councillor Edie</p> <p>Councillor Gardner</p> <p>Councillor Keil</p> <p>Councillor Key</p> <p>Councillor Lunn</p> <p>Councillor Paterson</p>	<p>Stuart McLean Committee Clerk Tel: 529 4106</p> <p>Samuel Ho Committee Support Officer Tel: 529 4210</p>

Recent news	Background
<p>Street Lighting - Roll Out of Light Emitting Pilot (LED) Lanterns Across the City</p> <p>On 26 March 2015, the Petitions Committee considered a petition entitled 'Street light safety' the Petition asked that the City of Edinburgh Council to return the old lights or install better lights to make sure the streets of Edinburgh are adequately lit up and safe at night.</p> <p>The Committee requested that an update on the roll out of new street lighting be included in a future Petitions Committee Business Bulletin.</p> <p>On 27 October 2015, the Transport and Environment Committee considered a report by the Acting Director of Service for Communities 'Street Lighting - Roll Out of Light Emitting Diode (LED) Lanterns Across the City'.</p> <p>The Committee agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To approve the business case in principle and refer the report to Council for formal approval of the prudential borrowing. 2) To note that the lessons learned from the Salix project had directly informed the design solution that would be used in any further roll out of LED lighting. 	<p>Petitions Committee 26 March 2015</p> <p>Transport and Environment Committee 27 October 2015</p>

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<p>The business case will be considered at the Council meeting on 19 November 2015.</p>	
<p>Resolution of Fly - Tipping at Caroline Park Avenue, EH5 1HY</p> <p>On 3 September 2015, the Petitions Committee considered a petition entitled 'Resolution of Fly - Tipping at Caroline Park Avenue, EH5 1HY' the Petition asked the City of Edinburgh Council to effectively and permanently resolve the fly-tipping of rubbish at the end of the cul-de-sac Caroline Park Avenue.</p> <p>Following consideration of the petition the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership team have arranged for the area task force to clean up the area. It was noted there was a significant amount of dumped rubbish around the site, although much of it appeared to be domestic waste rather than commercial fly-tipping. The Team will continue to monitor the area to determine whether any further action is necessary.</p> <p>On 27 October 2015, the Transport and Environment Committee considered a referral report from the Petitions Committee. The action taken , and ongoing monitoring, was noted.</p>	<p>Petitions Committee 3 September 2015</p> <p>Transport and Environment Committee 27 October 2015</p>
<p>Save The Adult Learning Project</p> <p>On 3 September 2015, the Petitions Committee considered a petition entitled 'Save The Adult Learning Project' the Petition asked that the City of Edinburgh provide a dedicated community development worker to support lifelong learning opportunities for all.</p> <p>The Petitions Committee agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To refer the petition 'Save the Adult Learning Project' to the Education, Children and Families Committee with a recommendation that the City of Edinburgh Council fund 50% of the cost of employing a Development Officer to support the Adult Learning Project. 2) To ask that the Convener of the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee meet with the principal petitioner to explore opportunities for joint working. <p>On 6 October 2015, the Education, Children and Families Committee considered a referral report from the</p>	<p>Petitions Committee 3 September 2015</p> <p>Education, Children and Families Committee – 6 October 2015</p>

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<p>Petitions Committee and agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To take no action on the recommendation from the Petitions Committee. 2) To agree to continue support for the Adult Learning Project at the current level within available resources. 	
<p>Council fully supports changing the name of St Johns Hill Car Park and will work with NCP to do so</p> <p>A petition entitled 'Council fully supports changing the name of St Johns Hill Car Park and will work with NCP to do so' was received on 1 October 2015. The petition highlighted the confusion faced by motorists trying to enter the car park at St John's Hill.</p> <p>Due to the car park being called St John's Hill Car Park much of the traffic flows through St John's Hill resulting in considerably more traffic in the street than there should be, causing residents to experience more traffic noise and air pollution than they should, less access to car parking and an increased risk to young children and pets in the street.</p> <p>As a result of receiving the petition Council Officers are currently in discussion with representatives from NCP to rename the St John's Hill Car Park.</p> <p>With the Principal Petitioners permission the petition was withdrawn.</p>	
<p>Petitions Live</p> <p>The most recent Petitions Committee on 3 September 2015 has been watched by 22 people and is still available to view in the webcast archive.</p> <p>Our webcast facility allows you to watch the committee as it happens. You can also catch up on what you have missed by visiting our webcast pages, where previous meetings of the Petitions Committee and the full Council can be viewed. Other Committees are now being webcast and are available to view.</p> <p>There are options to pause, fast forward and rewind this recording and to view the reports and minutes at the same time.</p>	
<p>Petitions to the Council</p> <p>Since the Petitions Committee launched on 8 October</p>	<p>Current Petitions</p>

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<p>2012, the Council has received a total of 53 petitions. Of these, 31 were valid and the remaining 22 petitions were deemed invalid as they did not meet the Petitions Criteria.</p> <p>Of the 31 valid petitions, the Petitions Committee has, so far, considered 23 petitions. In each case, the Committee has agreed that the issues raised merit further action and have taken action as appropriate.</p>	
<p>Petitions on Tour</p> <p>The Petitions Committee meets regularly in the City Chambers on the Royal Mile. In future, we would like to bring the Petitions Committee to your local neighbourhood to consider issues that affect you. If we receive a petition which applies to your area, the Petitions Committee may go 'on tour' to consider this petition within a building in your area.</p>	<p>Meeting Dates</p>
<p>Contact Us</p> <p>If you have any comments or suggestions, or if you would like information on how to submit a petition please contact us</p>	<p>Stuart McLean Tel: 529 4106</p> <p>Samuel Ho Tel: 529 4210</p>

Forthcoming activities:

The next meeting of the Petitions Committee will be at 2pm on 21 January 2016 in the Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers.