

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 there is currently three ongoing petitions open for signatures on the Council website and that no invalid petitions had been received.

Recommendations

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

Measures of success

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

Financial impact

There is no financial impact arising from this report.

Equalities impact

There is no equalities impact arising from this report.

Sustainability impact

There is no environmental impact arising from this report.

Consultation and engagement

There are no consultation or engagement requirements from this report.

Background reading / external references

[Petitions webpages](#)

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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: Ongoing Petitions

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Item Number	Date made available for signatures	Petition Title and Petition Statement	Wards Affected	Total number of signatures
6.2(a)	16/08/2015	<p>Edinburgh Council to Keep Our Trees!</p> <p>Edinburgh was voted the fourth most beautiful city in the world in 2015.</p> <p>Edinburgh's balance of wondrous architecture and mix of green spaces attracts visitors and new residents every year. What would happen if we didn't maintain the greenery I wonder.</p> <p>I am pursuing Edinburgh Council to provide the services we all pay so dearly for. Specifically, the trees that line many of our streets. Edinburgh is a gem of a city and we need to ensure our Council keeps it so. This Petition seeks to gather support given the Council has recently decided not to maintain the existing trees in Edinburgh's streets.</p> <p>Here follows an example, One of Edinburgh's longest tree lined streets is Saughtonhall Drive and dead, dying and broken trees will not be replaced: https://www.fixmystreet.com/report/672038 (external link)</p>	City Wide	17
6.2(b)	23/09/2015	<p>Re-Union Canal Boats location at Fountainbridge</p> <p>Re-Union Canal Boats Ltd, a social enterprise working with</p>	City Wide	141

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		<p>communities, has had a presence at Lochrin Quay for the last 3 years, acting as a hub for canal based activities and providing a crucial connection with the canal as a working waterspace. It organises the Canal Festival each year which attracts thousands of local people and visitors and has brought life to Edinburgh Quay.</p> <p>The Edinburgh Union Canal Strategy of 2011 commends its work and has as one of its aims to increase the use of the canal as a waterspace There is much concern locally that Re-Union has lost its canal-side location as premises in Edinburgh Quay are occupied by commercial businesses who can pay the higher rents but have little connection to the canal.</p> <p>Having Re-Union in a canal-side location is crucial if the benefits of the canal in the centre of our city are to be realised and should be a priority for the delivery of development at Fountainbridge.</p> <p>The Council is a major landowner in the area and through EDI is leading on the development of the site at Fountainbridge. I call upon the Council and EDI, as a matter of priority to develop options to secure both short term premises for Re-Union and a lasting presence in the Fountainbridge canal -side site.</p>		
6.2(c)	22 October 2015	<p>Future of Powderhall Refuse Plant</p> <p>Residents near Powderhall Refuse Plant have been complaining about the smell coming from the site for many years now. A number</p>	Leith Walk	11

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		<p>of new residential developments have been built nearby so that the plant and railway line servicing the site are now very much in a residential area. The site is old, inefficient, wasn't designed for its current use, is noisy with trains coming in and out. Flies and the smell from the plant regularly enter flats and residents are finding it unpleasant and some are concerned for their health.</p> <p>A new rubbish and recycling site in Millerhill is due to be operational in 2017 which provides the opportunity to decommission the Powderhall plant.</p> <p>This petition a) calls on the Council to confirm Powderhall will be shut down as soon as possible after the Millerhill site is set up and make the necessary preparatory work for this now and b) in the meantime, put further measures in place to monitor and tackle the ongoing problem of the smell from the site</p>		