

Petitions Committee

2.00pm, Thursday 8 September 2016

Petitions for Consideration: Overview Report

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Executive Summary

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Summary

The Committee is asked to consider two petitions at this meeting.

Valid petitions -

A plaque for the Melville monument

A valid petition entitled 'A plaque for the Melville monument' has been received. The petition received 264 signatures.

Save Granton Castle Walled Garden

A valid petition entitled 'Save Granton Castle Walled Garden' has been received. The petition received 694 signatures.

Details of the petitions are set out in appendix one.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to consider the petitions:

- 1.1 A plaque for the Melville monument as set out in 6.1(a) of Appendix one.
- 1.2 Save Granton Castle Walled Garden as set out in 6.1(b) of Appendix one.

Measures of success

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

Financial impact

There are no financial impacts arising from the consideration of the petition.

Equalities impact

There are no equalities impacts arising from the consideration of the petition.

Sustainability impact

There are no sustainability impacts arising from the consideration of the petition.

Consultation and engagement

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

Background reading / external references

[Petitions webpages](#)

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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: Petitions for Consideration

Appendix 1 - Petitions for Consideration

Item Number	Date made available for signatures	Petitions Title and Petitions Statement	Wards affected	Total Number of Signatories
6.1(a)	17/05/2016	<p><u>A plaque for the Melville monument</u></p> <p>Henry Dundas, Viscount Melville, was known in his day as "the Great Tyrant". As Home Secretary, he ensured the transatlantic slave trade was allowed to continue; he used Black Watch troops to enforce the Highland Clearances, and he crushed movements for democracy.</p> <p>Dundas has one of Edinburgh's largest statues; in the middle of St Andrew Square. But there is no plaque on the monument explaining who he is. We ask that the city add one, acknowledging the full brutality of what he did.</p>	All	264 signatures
6.1(b)	10/06/2016	<p><u>Save Granton Castle Walled Garden</u></p> <p>We, The Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden are intent on saving the B-listed walled garden from certain destruction. We believe that the rare historical land use, social and environmental value of the garden is unique in Edinburgh, and should be opened up for sustainable uses which will benefit the well-being of the local and wider community.</p> <p>We therefore ask that the City of Edinburgh Council support us in our aims to ensure that the once pristine medieval walled garden is protected, accessible & well maintained so that the heritage environment is preserved for future generations.</p>	Forth	694 signatures