

# Item 5.1 - Business Bulletin

## **Petitions Committee**

**2.00pm, Thursday, 10 November 2016**

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

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Recent news	Background
<p><b>Lothian Buses to continue to accept Adult City Single Tickets</b></p> <p>On 14 April 2016, the Petitions Committee considered a petition entitled '<a href="#">Lothian Buses to continue to accept Adult City Single Tickets</a>' the Petition asked that the City of Edinburgh Council do everything within its powers and remit to persuade Lothian Buses to continue to accept Adult City Single Tickets.</p> <p>On 1 November 2016, the Transport and Environment Committee considered a report by the Executive Directors of Place 'Adult City Single Tickets'. The Committee agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To note the content of the report by the Executive Director of Place.</li> <li>2) To note that Lothian Buses had been asked to fully investigate the potential of the citysmart card proposal and would report back on the possibility and what would be required to set it up in Januarys 2017.</li> <li>3) To request that Lothian Buses ensure that those charities with a proven need can access the subsidised day saver card until such a time that a resolution to the issues raised by the deputation</li> </ol>	<p><a href="#">Petitions Committee - 14 April 2016</a></p> <p><a href="#">Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee - 10 May 2016</a></p> <p><a href="#">Transport and Environment Committee – 1 November 2016</a></p>

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<p>are resolved.</p>	
<p><b>Edinburgh Conscientious Objectors and opponents of War Memorial in Edinburgh - Progress Report</b></p> <p>On 11 June 2015 the Petitions Committee considered a petition ‘Edinburgh Conscientious Objectors and opponents of War Memorial in Edinburgh’.</p> <p>Following approval of the petition representatives of the Memorial Committee were given a tour of Princes Street Gardens and Calton Hill by David Jamieson, Parks and Greenspace. Committee members were shown a number of locations that might be suitable for a memorial.</p> <p>The Committee then worked with an artist to develop a proposal for a memorial in West Princes Street Gardens. Representatives of the Committee met with and presented the proposal to David Jamieson, Paul McAuley, Collections Care Officer – Monuments, and David Dorward, Manager of Princes Street Gardens. A favoured location at the west end of the Gardens was acknowledged to be unsuitable and so the possibility of creating a memorial within one of the three shelters along the top promenade was proposed.</p> <p>Following a subsequent meeting with Paul McAuley, the Memorial Committee is now giving consideration to more central locations alongside the lower path of West Princes Street Gardens and considering what form would be most suitable for a memorial. Consideration has been given to the desirability of creating a memorial in the form of a piece of public art. To this end the Memorial Committee is in the process of applying for funding to run a competition. To date, they have secured over £5,000 and have revised the date for completion of a memorial to November 2018.</p>	<p><a href="#">Petitions Committee - 11 June 2015</a></p>
<p><b>Petitions Live</b></p> <p>The most recent Petitions Committee on 8 September 2016 has been viewed by 69 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</p>	

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<p>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><b>Petitions to the Council</b></p> <p>Since the Petitions Committee launched on 8 October 2012, the Council has received a total of 76 petitions. Of these, 47 were valid and the remaining 29 petitions were deemed invalid as they did not meet the Petitions Criteria.</p> <p>Of the 47 valid petitions, the Petitions Committee has, so far, considered 33 petitions. In each case, the Committee has agreed that the issues raised merit further action and have taken action as appropriate.</p>	<p><a href="#">Current Petitions</a></p>
<p><b>Contact Us</b></p> <p>If you have any comments or suggestions, or if you would like information on how to submit a petition please <a href="#">contact us</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Stuart McLean</a> Tel: 529 4106</p> <p><a href="#">Samuel Ho</a> Tel: 529 4210</p>

### **Forthcoming activities:**

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The next meeting of the Petitions Committee will be at 2pm on 23 January 2017 in the Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers.