

Petitions Committee

2.00pm, Thursday 10 November 2016

Petitions for Consideration: Overview Report

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Report number	
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Executive Summary

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Summary

The Committee is asked to consider one petition at this meeting.

Valid petition -

Gull de-nesting in North Merchiston

A valid petition entitled 'Gull de-nesting in North Merchiston' has been received. The petition received 304 signatures.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to consider the petition:

1.1 Gull de-nesting in North Merchiston as set out in 6.1(a) 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

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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: Petition for Consideration

Appendix 1 - Petition for Consideration

Item Number	Date made available for signatures	Petitions Title and Petitions Statement	Wards affected	Total Number of Signatories
6.1(a)	20/01/2016	<p><u>Gull de-nesting in North Merchiston</u></p> <p>I request that, in order that the breeding of urban gulls on tenement roof tops be disrupted, the City of Edinburgh Council runs a pilot programme of de-nesting within North Merchiston.</p> <p>The pilot could be funded partly if not entirely from profits made each year by the Pest Control section's commercial activities and could, in future years, be rolled out to other parts of the city.</p> <p>Every year between April and September pairs of breeding gulls return to the same safe nesting sites on flat roof tops. Each pair produces three chicks who in their adulthood come back to these sites to continue the breeding.</p> <p>Adults gulls can live for over 20 years. Without control their population will continue to expand, resulting in an escalation of the nuisance of noise, fouling, street mess as the gulls pull discarded food out of rubbish skips and plastic bags - and aggressive behaviour towards people and small animals.</p> <p>This petition has the support of Merchiston Community Council</p>	Meadows/ Morningside	304 signatures