

Item 5.1 - Business Bulletin

Petitions Committee

2.00pm, Monday, 23 January 2017

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>Lothian Buses to continue to accept Adult City Single Tickets</p> <p>On 14 April 2016, the Petitions Committee considered a petition entitled 'Lothian Buses to continue to accept Adult City Single Tickets' 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 17 January 2017, the Transport and Environment Committee considered an update from the Executive Directors of Place 'Adult City Tickets'.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to note the update and that the Convener and Vice Convener plan to hold a meeting with key stakeholders, including the original petitioner and representatives from Lothian Buses.</p>	<p>Petitions Committee - 14 April 2016</p> <p>Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee - 10 May 2016</p> <p>Transport and Environment Committee – 1 November 2016.</p> <p>Transport and Environment Committee – 17 January 2017.</p>
<p>Save Granton Castle Walled Garden</p> <p>On 8 September 2016, the Petitions Committee considered a petition entitled 'Save Granton Castle Walled Garden' the Petition asked for Council support in ensuring the medieval walled garden was protected, accessible and well maintained.</p> <p>The Petitions Committee asked that the terms of the petition be submitted to the Economy Committee with a recommendation that it support the Friends of Granton</p>	<p>Petitions Committee – 8 September 2016</p> <p>Economy Committee - 22 November 2016</p>

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<p>Castle Walled Garden in their endeavours.</p> <p>On 22 November 2016 the Economy Committee considered a referral report from the Petitions Committee. The Economy Committee agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To recognise EDI's ethos of strong community engagement and in the case of the walled garden to note that EDI had listened to the concerns expressed by community groups with an interest in the walled garden and found a way in which the community's desires would be included in its overall development plans. 2) The Committee understands that EDI continued to be open to working with local groups to make sure matters of social inclusion and responsibilities were maintained as the area developed. 3) To welcome a soon to be publicly announced social inclusion project to develop a village with associated facilities to tackle homelessness in this area and the projects commitment to working with all community groups with an interest in the walled garden to ensure fair access for all. 4) To encourage all interested parties to work with EDI and Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden to ensure the walled garden was protected, accessible and well maintained, and that all interested community groups had the option to be involved. 	
<p>Save the Lorne Street Community</p> <p>On 5 November 2015, the Petitions Committee considered a petition entitled 'Save the Lorne Street Community'. The petition outlined the concerns of over 200 tenants of the Agnes Hunter Trust at Lorne St. The Trust was proposing to sell its properties and end the tenancies of current residents.</p> <p>Residents subsequently met with the vice convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee on a number of occasions and housing advice and other support was provided to individuals affected while work was undertaken to find an alternative solution that would prevent the residents losing their homes. This has resulted in the acquisition of these homes by Places for People Scotland, a subsidiary of Castle Rock Edinvar. This means the residents can stay in their homes and their tenancy rights will be unaffected.</p>	<p>Petitions Committee – 5 November 2015</p>

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<p>Save Redhall House and Lawn</p> <p>The Petitions Committee on 23 January 2014 considered a report by the Director of Corporate Governance which outlined the petition Save Redhall House and Lawn.</p> <p>The petition called upon the City of Edinburgh Council to ensure that the conditions placed on Redhall House at the time of sale were adhered to so that the property was maintained, renovated and occupied in such a way that also preserves in full the setting of the open space around it.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to refer the petition to the Finance and Resources Committee on 20 March 2014 for consideration, the issues raised have also been considered further at the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.</p> <p>The planning application for Redhall House and Grounds was refused by the Council’s Development Management Sub Committee. This decision was confirmed by a statutory notice dated 12 August 2016. The applicant appealed the decision and this appeal was determined on 23 December 2016 by way of refusal.</p> <p>In the appeal notice the Reporter acknowledged the pressing need for action to reverse the decline of Redhall House and accepted the enabling case put forward by the applicant as valid. The Reporter also concluded that the proximity of four of the eight units within the enabling development would detract unacceptably from the setting of the listed building they are intended to save.</p> <p>The applicant has confirmed that they tend to revise and resubmit their planning application, factoring in the comments made by the Reporter and redesigning the layout of four of the eight units in the enabling case. The case officer is awaiting submission of documentation before passing comment on acceptability.</p>	<p>Petitions Committee - 23 January 2014.</p> <p>Finance and Resources Committee - 7 May 2014.</p> <p>Finance and Resources Committee - 5 June 2014.</p> <p>Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee - 9 October 2014.</p> <p>Finance and Resources Committee - 27 November 2014.</p> <p>Finance and Resources Committee - 4 June 2015.</p> <p>Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee - 18 June 2015.</p> <p>Development Management Sub Committee – 3 August 2016</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>Petitions to the Council</p> <p>Since the Petitions Committee launched on 8 October 2012, the Council has received a total of 77 petitions. Of these, 48 were valid and the remaining 29 petitions were deemed invalid as they did not meet the Petitions Criteria.</p> <p>Of the 48 valid petitions, the Petitions Committee has, so far, considered 34 petitions. In each case, the Committee has agreed that the issues raised merit further action and have taken action as appropriate.</p>	<p>Current Petitions</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 30 March 2017 in the Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers.