

# Petitions Committee

2.00pm, Thursday 30 March 2017

## Petitions for Consideration: Overview Report

<b>Item number</b>	6.1
<b>Report number</b>	
<b>Wards</b>	Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart

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# Executive Summary

## Petitions for Consideration: Overview Report

### Summary

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

#### **Valid petitions -**

##### Turn up street lights

A valid petition entitled 'Turn up street lights' has been received. The petition received 76 signatures.

We call on the City of Edinburgh Council to do everything within its powers and remit to require that Lothian Pensions Trust divest from all investments concerning arms manufacture

A valid petition entitled 'We call on the City of Edinburgh Council to do everything within its powers and remit to require that Lothian Pensions Trust divest from all investments concerning arms manufacture' has been received. The petition received 400 signatures.

### Recommendations

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The Committee is asked to consider the petitions:

- 1.1 Turn up street lights as set out in 6.1(a) of Appendix one.
- 1.2 We call on the City of Edinburgh Council to do everything within its powers and remit to require that Lothian Pensions Trust divest from all investments concerning arms manufacture as set out in 6.1(b) of Appendix one.

### Measures of success

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

### Financial impact

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

### Equalities impact

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

### Sustainability impact

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

### Consultation and engagement

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

### Background reading / external references

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[Petitions webpages](#)

[Council Webcasting](#)

## Links

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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 & Closed for signatures	Petitions Title and Petitions Statement	Wards affected	Total Number of Signatories
6.1(a)	<p><b>Open</b> - 14 October 2016</p> <p><b>Closed</b> – 16 January 2017</p>	<p><b>Turn up street lights</b></p> <p>The streets named below are dangerously dark we would ask the council to turn the street lights up. Watson Crescent; Fowler Terrace; Bryson Road; Dundee Terrace Ritchie Place.</p>	Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart	76
6.1(b)	<p><b>Open</b> – 7 February 2017</p> <p><b>Closed</b> – 23 March 2017</p>	<p><b>We call on the City of Edinburgh Council to do everything within its powers and remit to require that Lothian Pensions Trust divest from all investments concerning arms manufacture</b></p> <p>The Lothian Pensions Trust currently has large investments in companies that are involved in the manufacture of weapons that are being used in conflicts across the world, often killing innocent civilians.</p> <p>We understand that the Lothian Pensions Trust has a fiduciary duty to invest its funds to maximise its returns for its pensions portfolio. However, there are other investments that could be made that would provide good long-term returns on the invested funds that would contribute to local and global sustainability, rather than destruction and death across the globe. These include investments in local renewable energy schemes (to mitigate climate change) and local social housing, meeting local needs.</p>	All	400