

# Petitions Committee

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## Ongoing, Unsuccessful and Invalid Petitions: Overview Report

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## Summary

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The Committee is asked to note that there are currently no petitions open for signatures on the Council website and that two invalid petitions have been received.

## Recommendations

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1.1 To note that two invalid petitions had been received.

## 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 is no financial impact arising from this report.

## Equalities impact

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There is no equalities impact arising from this report.

## Sustainability impact

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There is no environmental impact arising from this report.

## Consultation and engagement

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There are no consultation or engagement requirements from this report.

## 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: Invalid Petitions

# Appendix One – Invalid Petitions

Item Number	Petition Title and Petition Statement	
6.2(a)	<p><b><u>Keep Portobello Powerleague for 5 a side pitches</u></b></p> <p>As the Portobello community is already gaining over 2,000 new homes, we should not be selling off one of the few sports facilities it has. With Scotland's obesity levels rising, we should be doing all we can to encourage sport and exercise. The 5 a side pitches allow for small groups to play, and the central location makes it easy to access.</p> <p>We call upon City of Edinburgh Council to halt the sale of this facility and to use any influence they have with Powerleague to try and reach an agreement for keeping the space in use for football.</p> <p>All options need to have been discussed with the local community and any opportunity to save the site for sport and leisure should be exhausted before homes are considered.</p>	<p>Invalid in terms of paragraph 1.2 of our Petitions criteria states that we are unable to accept a petition if it relates to a matter already being considered or scheduled to be considered by the Council or a committee.</p>
6.2(b)	<p><b><u>Save the WHEC Young Mum's Unit and Crèche</u></b></p> <p>The council are looking to shut down the young mums' unit and crèche.</p> <p>The services it provides are essential helping young mothers get back into education, providing vital support ,to try and provide a better future for them an their little ones. Service Provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transport by taxi to and from school, for girls outwith the Wester Hailes' catchment area.</li> </ul>	<p>Invalid in terms of paragraph 2.2 of our Petitions criteria states that we will not accept a petition that contains false or defamatory statements - The Council has no plans</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A crèche for babies and toddlers.</li> <li>- Timetabled classes within the main school.</li> <li>- A well-equipped classroom near the crèche where girls can study and meet other young mums</li> <li>- A full-time teacher allocated to the Young Mums' Unit, who provides study support, tailor-made -sessions and links with outside agencies a pupil support worker who provides additional support for the young parents</li> </ul> <p>Over the years it has provided great support for girls to meet other young mums, whilst being able to be in school, being able to visit their baby or toddler in the crèche during lunch or break giving peace of mind. The council has advised these girls to go back to their regular high schools if they want education, where there is little or no support for the girls themselves in respect to being mothers and no place for their babies to go. It's not easy to get a full time free nursery place, some of the girls may not have their families support and even if they do have their support their families have to work too.</p>	<p>to shut this provision and that it will be there for as long as needed.</p>