

Education, Children and Families Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 11 December 2018

Petition for Consideration: Edinburgh Central Library vs Virgin Hotel

Item number	7.1
Report number	
Executive/routine	Executive
Wards	City Centre

Executive Summary

The City of Edinburgh Council at its meeting on 22 June 2017 agreed the Petitions Committee be discontinued and that petitions would be sent to the responsible executive committees or in future locality committees for consideration.

The Education, Children and Families Committee is asked to consider a petition at this meeting.

Edinburgh Central Library vs Virgin Hotel

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to consider a petition.
- 1.2 A valid petition entitled 'Edinburgh Central Library vs Virgin Hotel' has been received. The petition received 127 signatures.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To consider the terms of the petition 'Edinburgh Central Library vs Virgin Hotel' as set out in Appendix one.

3. Measures of success

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

4. Financial impact

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

5. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 5.1 There are no risk, policy, compliance and governance impacts arising from the consideration of the petition.

6. Equalities impact

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

7. Sustainability impact

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

8. Consultation and engagement

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

9. Background reading/external references

- 9.1 Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council 22 June 2017

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10. Links

Council Priorities

**Single Outcome
Agreement**

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Petition - Edinburgh Central Library vs Virgin Hotel

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Date made available for signatures	Date closed for signatures	Petitions Title and Petitions Statement	Wards affected
20 July 2018	16 November 2018	<p>Edinburgh Central Library vs Virgin Hotel</p> <p>We the under-signed call for the City of Edinburgh Council to safeguard the Category A listed Central Library, a key resource in the literary and cultural landscape of the nation's capital, and:</p> <p>1) Require a detailed report on Edinburgh Central Library as a flagship cultural project of national/international significance commensurate with existing professional advice to the Council and the Council's own reports*.</p> <p>2) Require a detailed report on purchasing back land and buildings which form part of the India Buildings hotel-led development, sold by the Council without a full consultation on the implications for the Central Library.</p>	City Centre