
Report To:	The Petitions Committee	Date:	13 September 2018
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Subject:	Petitions Update Report		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on petitions previously reported on.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The position in relation petitions received and previously reported on is as detailed in Appendix 1. No further petitions have been received since the last update report.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee

3.1 Notes (a) the position in relation to petitions previously reported on as detailed in Appendix 1, and (b) that no new petitions received since the date of the last update report.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Committee received and noted a report to its meeting on 17 May 2018 providing an overview on the position in relation to all petitions received to that date, which overview confirmed if in each case further updates would be brought to the Committee at a later date. Appendix 1 includes any such updates.
- 4.2 There have been no new petitions submitted since the update report of 17 May 2018.
- 4.3 The Committee will note from Appendix 1 that the petition to “Save Lamonts Pier” by Mr John Rodgers has achieved the level of support necessary for it to be brought before this committee for consideration. This petition is the subject of a separate report to the Committee.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance

None from this report.

Legal

- 5.2 Petitions submitted are evaluated by officers in Legal & Property Services with reference to the approved criteria, and either rejected or progressed on that basis. Individual petitions will only be brought before the Committee as a separate item of business when they have been published and attracted the necessary level of support, all in terms of the Council’s Standing Orders and the approved petitions procedures.

Human Resources

- 5.3 None from this report.

Equalities

- 5.4 None from this report.

Repopulation

- 5.5 There are no repopulation implications.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 None.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

Appendix 1 – update on petitions progress as at 13/9/18

Petitioner	Title	Submitted	Start Date	Closing Date	Update	Next Steps
Miss Eileen Catterson	Petition for a residents parking permit scheme in Port Glasgow Town Centre	27/09/2017	28/09/2017	28/12/2017	Officers in Environmental & Public Protection Services have commissioned a study to review parking habits in Port Glasgow Town Centre and consult with Town Centre residents and businesses, from which a written report will be produced with recommendations as to whether Residents’ Parking Permits and/ or increased and new waiting limits should be introduced. Once finalised the report will be the subject of a report by Officers to the Environment & Regeneration Committee to seek their approval of the promotion of the recommendations. This report will make reference to the Petition Committee’s support of the original petition.	A further update will be provided to the Committee in due course.
Mr Gus Munro	Petition for IC support of granting of a long term lease of the Indoor Bowling Facility to IL	10/10/2017	10/10/2017	10/01/2018	The Education & Communities Committee approved a report by the Head of Environmental & Public Protection on the 19 June 2018 which approved a budget of £100K for upgrade works to the indoor bowling facility. Discussions are underway amongst Officers in Inclusive Education Culture & Communities, Inverclyde Leisure (IL) and the members of the indoor bowling club to progress these works. As regards the lease renewal itself, discussions on same are ongoing as part of the discussions of the overall IL funding agreement. The Committee will recall that the underlying purpose of the petition was to secure the carrying out of such works. As this is now in hand, Officers would not intend to bring any further updates to the Committee on this matter unless such updates are requested by the Committee.	Unless the Committee wish otherwise, no further updates will be brought to the Committee.

Mr John Rodgers	Petition to Save Lamont's Pier	08/01/2018	13/03/2018	12/06/2018	The petition has received the requisite level of support and is being brought before the Committee for consideration.	The petition is being brought before the Committee for consideration in a separate report.
Mr Robert Buirds	Petition to save Inchgreen Dry Dock. Calls on the Council support the principle of Public/Community Ownership of the dry dock and to engage with Scottish Government to formulate a strategy seeking to that end.	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	Contact has been made with Peel Land & Property, Peel Ports - Clydeport and the Scottish Government for information and a detailed report is being prepared for submission to the Environment & Regeneration Committee, all in terms of the remit from this Committee.	A further update will be provided to the Committee in due course.