

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE – 10 NOVEMBER 2022**

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**Petitions Committee**

**Thursday 10 November 2022 at 2pm**

**Present:** Provost McKenzie, Councillors Brooks, Cassidy, Reynolds (for Curley) and Daisley.

**Chair:** Provost McKenzie presided.

**In attendance:** Mr P MacDonald (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Mr M Thomson (for Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance), Ms J Wilson (Finance Services), Ms D Sweeney and Mr C MacDonald (Legal & Democratic Services) and Legal Services Manager, Procurement, Conveyancing & Information Governance.

**In attendance also:** Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, Shared Head of Roads & Environmental Services and Mr G Leitch (Roads & Environmental Services).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock.

**The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.**

**522 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 522**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Curley with Councillor Reynolds substituting, and Councillor McCabe.

No declarations of interest were intimated, but certain connections were intimated for the purposes of transparency as follows:

Agenda Item 3 (Fore Street Car Parking Charges) – Councillor Reynolds

Councillor Law was present only in her capacity as a Ward 2 Councillor, and not as a Member of the Petitions Committee.

**523 Petitions Update Report 523**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services updating the Committee on the position relative to petitions previously reported on and new petitions received since the last meeting.

**Decided:** that the position relative to petitions previously reported on and new petitions received since the last meeting of the Committee be noted.

**524 Petition for Consideration 524**  
**Fore Street Car Parking Charges**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services providing details of a petition calling on the Council to reconsider charges on the car park at Fore Street, Port Glasgow. The report advised that the petition met the petitions criteria and had received the level of public support required in terms of the approved petitions procedures.

Councillor Reynolds declared a connection as a former employee of NHS GGC pharmacy

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team based within Port Glasgow Health Centre and that since retirement undertakes ad-hoc duties for the Health Board. She also formed the view that the nature of her connection and of the item of business did not preclude her continued presence in the meeting or her participation in the decision making process and she was declaring for transparency.

The Committee heard Ms C Jamieson, Petitioner, in support of the petition, the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration and Mr G Leitch for Roads & Environmental Services and Councillor Law as Ward Councillor.

**Decided:** that the Committee considers the issues raised in the petition have merit and remits it to the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration to submit a report to a future meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee with recommendations on this matter.