

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE – 1 FEBRUARY 2018**

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**Petitions Committee**

**Thursday 1 February 2018 at 3.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors Brooks, Curley, Jackson, Crowther (for MacLeod), McVey and Murphy.

**Chair:** Councillor Curley presided.

**In attendance:** Mr P MacDonald (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services).

**In attendance also:** Acting Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and Ms E Provan, Environmental & Commercial Services.

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

**80      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest      80**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod.

Councillor Brooks declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (Petition for Consideration: Long Term Lease to Inverclyde Leisure of Inverclyde Indoor Bowling Club).

**81      Overview Report      81**

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

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

**82      Petition for Consideration: Port Glasgow Town Centre Residents Parking Scheme      82**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services providing details of a petition seeking the introduction of a residents parking scheme in Port Glasgow Town Centre (King Street/Church Street) in areas currently subject to a 30 minute restriction. 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.

The Committee heard Ms E Catterson, Petitioner, in support of the petition, Mr W Rennie and Ms E Provan for Environmental and Commercial Services, and Councillor McKenzie as Ward Councillor.

In discussion it was clarified with the Petitioner that the intention of the petition was to call for a residents parking scheme in the King Street/Church Street areas generally, and not necessarily limited to areas subject to current parking restrictions.

**Decided:** that the Committee support the petition and remit it to the Acting Head of Environmental and Commercial Services to submit a detailed report to a future meeting

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of the Environment and Regeneration Committee with recommendations on the matter.

**83 Petition for Consideration: Long Term Lease to Inverclyde Leisure of Inverclyde Indoor Bowling Club**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services providing details of a petition seeking the support of Inverclyde Council for the granting of a longer term lease of the Inverclyde Indoor Bowling facility to Inverclyde Leisure. 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 Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

The Committee heard Mr A Munro, Petitioner, in support of the petition, Mr M McNab for Safer and Inclusive Communities, Councillor McKenzie as Ward Councillor and Councillor Ahlfeld in his capacity as the Council's Sports Champion.

**Decided:** that the Committee support the petition and remit it to the Acting Head of Safer and Inclusive Communities to submit a detailed report to a future meeting of the Education and Communities Committee with recommendations on the matter.