

Item 2

21st January 2021



Glasgow City Council

Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement City Policy Committee

Report by Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council

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PETITION – “Pupils wellbeing during COVID”.

Purpose of Report:

To consider the petition entitled “Pupils wellbeing during COVID”.

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Recommendation:

The Committee is requested to consider the petition entitled “Pupils wellbeing during COVID ” as set out in Appendix 1 of this report in accordance with the approved guidance for dealing with public petitions.

Ward No(s): 3

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes No

consulted: Yes No

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Council established a Public Petitions and General Purposes Policy Development Committee on 17th May 2012, with the terms of reference including:-‘To consider petitions addressed to Glasgow City Council in accordance with the Council’s approved petitions procedure and determine the appropriate action to be taken within the terms of the procedure’.
- 1.2 The public petitions process and guidance was subsequently approved by the Executive Committee on 15th November 2012. Petitioning public bodies is one of a number of mechanisms through which members of the public and local businesses/organisations can have a direct influence and role in the policy development process by raising matters of concern.
- 1.3 On 14th September 2017 the Council approved revised decision-making arrangements, including the Terms of Reference for the Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement City Policy Committee which the committee noted on 28th September 2017. Consideration of public petitions is now within the remit of this committee.

2. Considerations

- 2.1 The Council received a petition entitled “Pupils wellbeing during COVID ” for consideration on 18th October 2020 on behalf of individuals with 67 which have been validated in accordance with the criteria approved by the Executive Committee regarding the submission of petitions. The Principal Petitioner’s statement petition is set out in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 The petition has been referred to the Executive Director of Education Services for comment and she has been requested to attend the committee. Comments from Education Services are detailed in Appendix 2 of this report. The Principal Petitioner is Michelle Thain and she has indicated that she wishes to make a statement to the committee.
- 2.3 Following consideration of a petition, the committee will decide on the appropriate action to be taken within the approved guidance for dealing with public petitions as follows:-
 - (a) agree the issue(s) raised deserves further action and agree to refer the petition to another council committee, officer or other organisation or
 - (b) agree the issue(s) raised does not merit further action.

3. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition

<i>Legal:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
<i>Personnel:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
<i>Procurement:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition

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Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support the Council’s Equality Outcomes 2017-22</i>	No; not required as this is not a new strategy, policy or service
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<i>What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?</i>	Not applicable
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<i>Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.</i>	Not applicable
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Sustainability Impacts:

<i>Environmental:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
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<i>Social, including Article 19 opportunities:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
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<i>Economic:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
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Privacy and Data Protection impacts:	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
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4. Recommendations

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