

## Item 1

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 – “Renewed Petition to have Garnethill included in Glasgow City  
Council’s PSCCTV Programme”.**

### **Purpose of Report:**

To consider the petition entitled “Renewed Petition to have Garnethill included in  
Glasgow City Council’s PSCCTV Programme”.

### **Recommendation:**

The Committee is requested to consider the petition entitled “Renewed Petition to  
have Garnethill included in Glasgow City Council’s PSCCTV Programme ” as set  
out in Appendix 1 of this report in accordance with the approved guidance for  
dealing with public petitions.

Ward No(s): 10

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes  No

consulted: Yes  No

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Council established a Public Petitions and General Purposes Policy Development Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Consideration of public petitions is now within the remit of this committee.

## **2. Considerations**

- 2.1 The Council received a petition entitled “Renewed Petition to have Garnethill included in Glasgow City Council’s PSCCTV Programme ” for consideration on 25th October 2020 on behalf of individuals with 132 signatures, 25 of 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. The initial petition was presented via Change.org. However, we cannot link directly to such sites and need to ensure that we can verify that the lead petitioner and signatories are Glasgow residents. As a result, in accordance with the Council’s guidance, subsequent documentation has been provided by the lead petitioner to allow us to validate the requisite number of signatures.
- 2.2 The petition has been referred to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability for comment and he has been requested to attend the committee. Comments from Neighbourhoods and Sustainability are detailed in Appendix 2 of this report. The Principal Petitioner is William Beckett and he has indicated that he 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:

<i>Financial:</i>	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
<i>What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?</i>	Not applicable
<i>Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.</i>	Not applicable

#### Sustainability Impacts:

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

### 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Committee is requested to consider the petition entitled “Renewed Petition to have Garnethill included in Glasgow City Council’s PSCCTV Programme” as set out in Appendix 1 of this report in accordance with the approved guidance for dealing with public petitions.