

Education, Children and Families Committee

10am, Tuesday, 6 October 2015

Save the Adult Learning Project - referral from the Petitions Committee

Item number	8.7.1
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Executive summary

The Petitions Committee on 3 September 2015 considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive outlining the petition 'Save the Adult Learning Project'. The Committee agreed to refer the petition to the Education, Children and Families Committee for consideration with a recommendation that it consider funding 50% of the cost of employing a Development Officer to support the Adult Learning Project.

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Save the Adult Learning Project

Terms of referral

- 1.1 On 3 September 2015 the Petitions Committee considered a report outlining the petition 'Save the Adult Learning Project'.
- 1.2 The Petitions Committee agreed:
 - 1.2.1 To refer the petition 'Save the Adult Learning Project' to the Education, Children and Families Committee on 6 October 2015 for consideration.
 - 1.2.2 To recommend that the City of Edinburgh Council fund 50% of the cost of employing a Development Officer to support the Adult Learning Project.
 - 1.2.3 To ask that the Convener of the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee meet with the principal petitioner to explore opportunities for joint working.

For Decision/Action

- 2.1 The Education, Children and Families Committee is asked to:
 - 2.1.1 Consider the content of petition included within the attached report by the Deputy Chief Executive.
 - 2.1.2 Consider funding 50% of the cost of employing a Development Officer to support the Adult Learning Project.

Background reading / external references

The Petitions Committee 03 September 2015

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Petitions Committee

2.00pm, Thursday 3 September 2015

Petitions for Consideration: Overview Report

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Coalition pledges

Council outcomes

[CO23 & CO26](#)

Single Outcome Agreement

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Executive Summary

Petitions for Consideration: Overview Report

Summary

The Committee is asked to consider two petitions at this meeting.

Valid petitions -

Save the Adult Learning Project

A valid petition entitled 'Save the Adult Learning Project' has been received. The petition received 481 signatures.

Details of this petition are set out in appendix one

Resolution of Fly-Tipping at Caroline Park Avenue, EH5 1HY

A valid petition entitled 'Resolution of Fly-Tipping at Caroline Park Avenue, EH5 1HY' has been received. The petition received 131 signatures.

Details of this petition are set out in appendix one

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to consider the petitions:

- 1.1 'Save the Adult Learning Project' as set out in 6.1(a) of Appendix one.
- 1.2 'Resolution of Fly-Tipping at Caroline Park Avenue, EH5 1HY' as set out in 6.1(b) of Appendix one.

Measures of success

There are no immediate measures of success applicable to this report.

Financial impact

There is no financial impact arising from the consideration of this petition.

Equalities impact

There is no equalities impact arising from the consideration of this petition.

Sustainability impact

There is no sustainability impact arising from the consideration of this petition.

Consultation and engagement

There are no consultation or engagement requirements at this part of the process.

Background reading / external references

[Petitions webpages](#)

[Council Webcasting](#)

Links

Coalition pledges

Council outcomes CO23 Well engaged and well informed – Communities and individuals are empowered and supported to improve local outcomes and foster a sense of community
CO26 The Council engages with stakeholders and works in partnership to improve services and deliver on agreed objectives

Single Outcome Agreement

Appendices Appendix one: Petitions for Consideration

Appendix 1 - Petitions for Consideration

Item Number	Date Received	Petitions Title and Petitions Statement	Wards affected	Total Number of Signatories
6.1(a)	22 June 2015	<p><u>Save the Adult Learning Project</u></p> <p>For over 36 years, the Adult Learning Project (ALP) has engaged adults from across Edinburgh in democratic, community education programmes. Although the project has over 200 members, a committed and active board of trustees and a dedicated pool of supporters and volunteers, it is no longer receiving the support it requires from the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) to sustain the development, implementation and evaluation of learning programmes to meet the needs of communities in Tollcross and Edinburgh.</p> <p>In the past year and a half, project volunteers have worked with over 300 people from Tollcross to identify local learning needs and issues of importance for the community. To build upon this work, and ALP's impressive track record in the provision of adult education opportunities, the project urgently requires the support of a dedicated community development worker.</p> <p>The Scottish Government and the CEC have been explicit in their commitment to the provision of lifelong learning opportunities for communities in Scotland. ALP supports this commitment, working with many adults, including those facing social isolation and multiple barriers to learning. Without adequate CEC support however, ALP's ability to provide educational and capacity-building opportunities will be lost. We, the undersigned, call upon the CEC to provide a dedicated community development worker for the Adult Learning Project so that this unique, world renowned project can continue to support lifelong learning opportunities for all.</p>	Citywide	481 signatures