

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday 10 October 2024

Petition for Consideration: Roll-out, communal waste bins. FP Estate

Executive/routine
Wards

Executive
Drum Brae/ Gyle

Recommendations

- 1.1 To consider the terms of the petition 'Roll-out, communal waste bins. FP Estate' as set out in Appendix one.

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Transport and Environment Committee is asked to consider a petition at this meeting.

3. Background

- 3.1 The City of Edinburgh Council at its meeting on 22 June 2017 agreed the Petitions Committee be discontinued and that petitions would be sent to the responsible executive committees or, in future, locality committees for consideration.
- 3.2 At the meeting, the committee can:
- a) request a report on the issues raised by the petitioner and the committee;
 - b) agree that the issues raised do not merit further action and/or
 - c) agree to take any other appropriate action.

4. Main report

- 4.1 A valid petition entitled 'Roll-out, communal waste bins. FP Estate' had been received on 22 August 2024. The petition received 85 signatures.
- 4.2 The petition expresses opposition to communal bins mentioning loss of parking, traffic congestion, accessibility issues, and hygiene concerns. The petitioners request a walk-about with council officials to address these issues.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 The committee will determine next steps at this meeting.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 Any proposals would be required to be fully costed, including any legal implications and agreed through the annual budget process.

7. Equality and Poverty Impact

- 7.1 Any proposals would require an equality and poverty impact assessment.

8. Climate and Nature Emergency Implications

- 8.1 Any proposals would require to be considered and agreed in line with the Climate Change (Emissions Reductions Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019 and Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004.

9. Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact

- 9.1 Any proposals would require full community consultation.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 [Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council 22 June 2017.](#)

11. Appendices

11. Appendix 1 – Petition – Roll-out, communal waste bins. FP Estate

Appendix 1 - Roll-out, communal waste bins. FP Estate

Date made available for signatures	Date closed for signatures	Petitions Title and Petitions Statement	Wards affected
22 August 2024		<p>Roll-out, communal waste bins. FP Estate</p> <p>We, owners/residents of FP Estate, oppose installation of communal bins in our privately owned Estate which is well maintained, clean, tidy, ample garden spaces, bins not cluttering outside, and are kept in suitable areas.</p> <p>Objections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Spaces - 3-4 spaces blocked. Where do these cars go? On grass verges? Disputes over parking? • Traffic Congestion - lorries, delivery vehicles, emergency service vehicles - even bin lorries may struggle to pass. • No pavements. Unless bins open street side, the council is condoning trespass on private property - our gardens. • Several roads are private - the Council claims to have the right to adopt them, - never the case when it came to repairs, street cleansing etc. • Use of bins - there are many elderly people, people with health issues, who will struggle to reaching, accessing these, and to open lids. The apertures are limited, lids heavy. Not everyone recycles, and everything will go into landfill. • Fly tipping – communal bins - a godsend to commercial fly tippers • Irresponsible residents – inevitable, 490 flats! – who clears this spillage • Presentation of bins for uplift - this has never been a problem, the problem is the regular omissions by the refuse collections • Hygiene - nappies, dog poo, cat litter, not everyone 'bags' their rubbish will become unbearably odorous. Will the Council sanitise them. <p>We oppose the roll-out of communal bins which risk turning our pleasant, child-friendly with plenty green spaces to enjoy into a vermin infested litter dump, and urgently insist on a walk-about with the residents</p>	Drum Brae/ Gyle