

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Monday 18 November 2024

Petition for Consideration: Bellevue and Broughton Street Cleaning Service

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Recommendations

- 1.1 To consider the terms of the petition 'Bellevue and Broughton Street Cleaning Service' 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 'Bellevue and Broughton Street Cleaning Service' had been received on 21 August 2024. The petition received 78 signatures.
- 4.2 The petition expresses concern on the roads, litter, weeds, and broken paving stones in the Bellevue and Broughton areas. The petition calls on the Council to make revisions to the service 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 – Bellevue and Broughton Street Cleaning Service

Appendix 1 - Bellevue and Broughton Street Cleaning Service

Date made available for signatures	Date closed for signatures	Petitions Title and Petitions Statement	Wards affected
21 August 2024	21 August 2024	<p>Bellevue and Broughton Street Cleaning Service</p> <p>We, the undersigned, wish to express our concern and total dissatisfaction with the street cleaning service in the Bellevue and Broughton areas of Edinburgh. The footpaths, roads and road gullies in this largely residential area of a world class city are dirty, strewn with litter, and spillages from communal dustbins, with leaves, debris and detritus lying in situ for far too long. Ankle high weeds growing out of footpaths and road gullies adorn this district. We all contend with broken and uneven paving stones in the locality.</p> <p>The City Council has consistently failed over many years to devise a systematic plan to maintain a satisfactory level of street cleaning. The way the service is currently organised, executed and delivered is failing us all and requires immediate revision in the light of the lived experiences of those who foot the Council Tax bill year in, year out. We require the City Council to remedy this longstanding and disgraceful situation.</p>	City Centre