

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday 17 August 2023

Petition for Consideration: Gorgie Needs a Public Toilet

Executive/routine
Wards

Executive
Sighthill/ Gorgie

Recommendations

- 1.1 To consider the terms of the petition 'Gorgie Needs a Public Toilet' as set out in Appendix one.

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Report

Gorgie Needs a Public Toilet

Executive Summary

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

Background

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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.

Main report

- 3.1 A valid petition entitled 'Gorgie Needs a Public Toilet' had been received. The petition received 578 signatures.
- 3.2 The petition calls on the Council to provide accessible and open public toilets with baby changing and facilities in the Community Council area of Gorgie/ Dalry.

Next Steps

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

Financial impact

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

Equality and Poverty Impact

5.2 Any proposals would require an equality and poverty impact assessment.

Climate and Nature Emergency Implications

6.1 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.

Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact

7.1 Any proposals would require full community consultation.

Background reading/external references

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

8.2 [Future Provision of Public Conveniences – Transport and Environment Committee, 22 April 2021](#)

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Petition – Gorgie Needs a Public Toilet

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Date made available for signatures	Date closed for signatures	Petitions Title and Petitions Statement	Wards affected
		<p>Gorgie Needs a Public Toilet</p> <p>We need an open accessible public toilet in Gorgie Dalry Since the closure of Ardmillan Terrace Public Toilets in 2015, the community council area of Gorgie Dalry has had no public toilets, and the closest public toilets are over a mile away. The lack of accessible, public space is part of a wider trend of austerity, directly impacting the lives of people in our communities. Over 2000 public toilets have been closed throughout the UK since 2006, including 10 in Edinburgh. We need accessible, open, public toilets with baby changing and facilities to support all the varied needs of everyone in our community.</p> <p>With a population of over 20,000 residents, a busy high street, local schools and the home of Midlothian FC, everyone who is part of making the Gorgie/Dalry community deserves better.</p>	Sighthill/ Gorgie