

**Petition – “Keep Queen’s Park Glasshouse Open and Council-Owned” -
Petition dealt with – Recommendations approved – Instruction to Executive
Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.**

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising of a petition on behalf of individuals, containing over 100 signatures, 25 of which had been validated in accordance with the approved criteria, submitted by Benjamin Kritikos, Principal Petitioner, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, which highlighted the petitioners’ concerns and the outcomes sought by them in relation their petition, together with comments from the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the issues raised in the petition, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

The committee heard Benjamin Kritikos, Principal Petitioner, Claire Hastings and Alison Brown, in support of the petition, which stated the petitioners’ views and the aim of the petition that Queen’s Park Glasshouse remained open and Council-owned.

Councillor Bruce, seconded by Bailie Murray, moved that: -

- (1) committee agrees that the issue raised in the petition deserves further action and agrees to refer to the petition with recommendations noted below to the appropriate committee:
 - (a) instruct officers to undertake a public and transparent consultation regarding the future of the Queen’s Park Glasshouse, including EQIA on any future changes and report brought back to the appropriate committee within 6 months;
 - (b) commit to publication of feasibility studies and investment requirements for the Queen’s Park Glasshouse;
 - (c) identify potential sources of funding, including ENV2, to bring the building and facilities back to an excellent standard and to reinstate and restore the Queen’s Park Glasshouse dome;
 - (d) supports the implementation of appropriate net-zero measures to reduce the carbon footprint and long-term heating costs of the building; and
 - (e) commit to meaningful community engagement with the petitioners and ensure this is a standing item on the Queen’s Park Working Group;
 - (i) ensure that any future use of the Queen’s Park Glasshouse maintains public access and enhanced public facilities; and
 - (ii) write to the relevant Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary to meet with the council and the petitioners to discuss the future of the Queen’s Park Glasshouse.

Councillor Hunter, seconded by Councillor Doherty, moved as an amendment that: -

- (1) recognising the high level of interest in the future of the Queens Park Glasshouse and community concerns about the opaqueness of the process which led to its proposed closure, this Committee recommends that a paper be taken to the appropriate committee at the earliest opportunity which addresses:
- (2) the current position;
- (3) the options which are available to the Council regarding management of and investment in the Glasshouse as a Council owned facility providing public access going forward;
- (4) how to ensure that local communities remain fully engaged in discussions and decisions about the future of the facility; and
- (5) this committee further suggests that the Council, along with its heritage partners, should develop and publish a longer-term business and conservation plan for the Glasshouse.

Councillor Hunter withdrew the amendment and accepted the composite motion by Councillor Bruce, seconded by Bailie Murray, resulting in the following recommendations which were unanimously approved: -

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 - (ii) write to the relevant Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary to meet with the council and the petitioners to discuss the future of the Queen's Park Glasshouse; and
- (f) instructed the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to proceed with the approved recommendations and submit to the appropriate committee, to undertake a public and transparent consultation regarding the future of the Queen's Park Glasshouse, including EQIA on any future changes and report brought back to the appropriate committee within 6 months;