

Petition - "Light the Lane - Restore Responsibility for Lighting" – Petition dealt with - Recommendations approved - Instruction to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising of a petition on behalf of individuals, containing 44 signatures, 25 of which had been validated in accordance with the approved criteria, submitted by Caroline Newall, 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 Caroline Newall, Principal Petitioner and John Donnelly who in support of the petition, which stated the petitioners' views and the aim of the petition that the Council take back responsibility for the replacement and maintenance of a single lamppost situated in Herries Lane, Glasgow.

Councillor Molyneux, seconded by Councillor Bruce, moved that;-

- (1) committee agrees that the Light the Lane petition deserves further action; and
- (2) committee agrees to refer the petition to the relevant committee with a recommendation that they consider: -
 - (a) restoring lighting to the single column situated at the corner of Herries Lane which is the subject of the petition as soon as possible and agree to maintain this hereafter;
 - (b) working with other stakeholders, including Scotrail, Network Rail and local residents to identify other possible access and ongoing management improvements for this lane, including its designation as a core path;
 - (c) reporting progress on the above to local members; and
 - (d) initiating a wider review of the department's policy on lighting in lanes so that it reflects the need for a more nuanced approach where lanes provide significant public access benefits and/or present significant safety issues, taking into account Council policies on feminist urbanism, active travel and liveable neighbourhoods, and refer this to the relevant policy committee to consider.

Councillor Millar, seconded by Councillor Hunter, moved as an amendment that the following wording be added as an additional recommendation :

"Recognises the high level of interest in lanes across Glasgow, including issues of maintenance, and requests that a paper be taken to the appropriate committee at the earliest opportunity which:

- (a) outlines the options which are available to owners regarding management, maintenance of and investment in lanes;
- (b) reviews the powers available to local authorities in addressing the management of private lanes, and any requirements/opportunities for changes in national legislation/regulation; and
- (c) presents an updated assessment of the lane network, with identified priority interventions and an action delivery framework with resource implications”

Councillor Molyneux, with the approval of his seconder, accepted the amendment by Councillor Millar, resulting in the following recommendations which were unanimously approved:-

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 - (a) restoring lighting to the single column situated at the corner of Herries Lane which is the subject of the petition as soon as possible and agree to maintain this hereafter;
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 - (d) initiating a wider review of the department’s policy on lighting in lanes so that it reflects the need for a more nuanced approach where lanes provide significant public access benefits and/or present significant safety issues, taking into account Council policies on feminist urbanism, active travel and liveable neighbourhoods, and refer this to the relevant policy committee to consider;
 - (e) recognises the high level of interest in lanes across Glasgow, including issues of maintenance, and requests that a paper be taken to the appropriate committee at the earliest opportunity which:
 - (i) outlines the options which are available to owners regarding management, maintenance of and investment in lanes;
 - (ii) reviews the powers available to local authorities in addressing the management of private lanes, and any requirements/opportunities for changes in national legislation/regulation; and

- (iii) presents an updated assessment of the lane network, with identified priority interventions and an action delivery framework with resource implications; and
- (f) instructed the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to proceed with the approved recommendations and submit to the appropriate committee, a report on the investment, management and maintenance of private lanes in the city.