

REPORT TO KINCARDINE AND MEARN'S AREA COMMITTEE – 12 OCTOBER 2021

PETITION – BELMONT BRAE, STONEHAVEN

1 Reason for Report / Summary

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to consider a petition received which is specific to the Stonehaven area regarding Belmont Brae.

2 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider the petition received by the Director of Business Services as described in this report; and**
- 2.2 Consider whether to instruct a report from the Head of Roads, Landscapes Services and Waste on the subject matter of the petition.**

3 Purpose and Decision Making Route

- 3.1 In terms of Standing Order 6.2.1 members of the public may submit a Petition for an item not on a Meeting Agenda to a Committee. The petition shall be received by the Director of Business Services no later than fourteen days prior to the relevant Committee Meeting.
- 3.2 The Director of Business Services has received a petition with 319 signatures and has agreed that the petition complies with the criteria under Standing Order 6.2.2 and the Council's Petitions Guidance under Part 4H of the Scheme of Governance.
- 3.3 The Chair of this Committee has determined that the subject matter of the Petition is competent and relevant in terms of the Committee's remit and it shall therefore be put before this meeting.
- 3.4 The Committee is therefore asked to consider the subject matter of the petition. In terms of Standing Order 6.4, the Committee can determine one of two courses of action:-
- (i) Whether to simply note the terms of the Petition; or
 - (ii) Whether to instruct the relevant officer to provide a report for a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

It would not be competent for the Committee to take a substantive decision on the subject matter of the petition without receiving a report back from the relevant officer, in this case the Head of Roads, Landscape Service and Waste.

4 Discussion

- 4.1 The title of the petition is “*Belmont Brae -Petition for Pavement and One Way System*” and the petition statement asks the Council to “*Consider providing a safe pavement and pedestrian access on Belmont Brae by introducing a one way traffic system.*”
- 4.2 The petition was originally submitted in January 2017 and has been resubmitted for a formal response and action. At this time the suggestion was to consider a one way system downhill, however accepted that this was a matter best determined by Roads Officers and Police. There has now been an advisory load restriction placed on Belmont Brae, however the petitioner states that this seems to be ignored. The petitioner has submitted two photos to illustrate heavy vehicles on Belmont Brae, see **Appendix 1**. An excerpt from the petition’s letter is as follows:-

“This is a matter of public safety and as the amount of traffic and potentially serious incidents continues to rise it is clear that this problem will not simple disappear and that something needs to be done.”

5 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 5.1 This report supports the pillar Our People and the underpinning principle of right people, right places, right time.
- 5.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial			X
Staffing			X
Equalities			X
Fairer Scotland Duty			X
Town Centre First			X
Sustainability			X
Children and Young People’s Rights and Wellbeing			X

- 5.3 An integrated impact assessment is not required at this stage as the Committee is not being asked to take a substantive decision at this time and the report does not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics. Any implications of the action proposed by the petition will be included in a future report from the relevant Head of Service on the subject matter of the petition, if so instructed by the Committee.

5.4 There are no identified risks at this time.

6 Scheme of Governance

6.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this and their comments are incorporated within the report and are satisfied that the report complies with the [Scheme of Governance](#) and relevant legislation.

6.2 The Committee is able to consider this item under Standing Order 6.2.3 as the subject matter of the petition is deemed to be competent and relevant in terms of the Committee's remit and under Section B.1.2 of the List of Committee Powers as it relates to a matter which impacts the Committee's area.

6.3 The Head of Roads, Landscape Services and Waste has been consulted in the preparation of this report and they agree with the content of the report.

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Belmont Brae Photographs

APPENDIX 1 - BELMONT BRAE PHOTOGRAPHS



