

REPORT TO: Petitions Committee

MEETING DATE: 10 September 2015

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

SUBJECT: Petition PET1504 – Calling on East Lothian Council to revert back to its old timetable and route for the Bus Service 120 - Dunbar to North Berwick

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To present petition PET1504 to the Petitions Committee for consideration. This petition calls on East Lothian Council to revert back to its old timetable and route for the Bus service 120 - Dunbar to North Berwick. Changes were implemented to Bus Service 120 on 5 May 2015.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the petition and takes action as required.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A paper-based petition was submitted by Mr M Fidgeon, on behalf of residents from North Berwick and outlying districts, in May 2015. The petition was deemed to be competent and has 237 signatories in support of the petition.
- 3.2 Further details of the petition are contained in Appendix 1.
- 3.3 Members of the Petitions Committee can view the full petition by contacting the Clerk to the Petitions Committee.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no immediate policy implications arising from this report. Depending on the action required and agreed by the Committee, there may be policy implications relating to particular issues arising from competent petitions. These will be subject to a separate report to the relevant committee, as required.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – dependent on the action agreed by the Committee.
6.2 Personnel – dependent on the action agreed by the Committee.
6.3 Other – dependent on the action agreed by the Committee.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 East Lothian Council Standing Orders – Appendix 1: Scheme of Administration – Petitions Committee.
7.2 Appendix 1 – Summary of petition for consideration.

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**EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL PETITIONS COMMITTEE
PETITION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Petition Ref:	Subject of Petition	Date Received	Principal Petitioner	Number of Signatures
PET1504	<p>Calling on East Lothian Council to revert back to its old timetable and route of the 120 service, i.e. Dunbar to North Berwick.</p> <p>The petition calls for this change for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The former route of 120 service included access to both ends of the High Street, North Berwick. The new route makes it difficult for elderly people to access shops and services to the east of the High Street, in particular the Post Office and Library. • The bus stop at Quality Street allowed easy access to the public toilets at the east end of the High Street – there are no public toilets near Church Street or the railway station. • The centre of North Berwick can get very congested; having four buses stopping at Church Street will cause more traffic jams in Forth Street and the High Street. 	May 2015	Mr M Fidgeon	237 (paper petition)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The new timetable for the 120 service has had adverse implications for people who use that service to commute to work.			
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