

3. PETITION - REQUEST FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE SPACES FOR PEOPLE TEMPORARY 20MPH SPEED LIMITS

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services advising of the receipt of an electronic online petition remitted to the Environment PDSP from the Council Executive at its meeting on the 15 December 2020

It was recommended that the Spaces for People temporary 20mph speed limits in West Lothian be assessed and evaluated by officers at the conclusion of the temporary project's duration as part of the whole project as originally planned and taking account of the council's decision of 29 September 2020, however in line with Scottish Government guidance the measures would be removed when the national Covid-19 restrictions are fully lifted

The Head of Operational Services explained that since the Council Executive remitted this item of business to the Environment PDSP a motion was agreed at Full Council on 25 January 2021 calling for an examination of the full Spaces for People programme to be carried out and reported back to council on 16 March 2021

It was therefore noted that the outcome of this item of business would be reported back to Full Council and not Council Executive.

The panel was of the opinion that while there were issues raised to the Spaces for People Scheme in some areas, others welcomed the scheme and therefore the full evaluation should take account of all views that had been submitted.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report; and
2. To agree that a report and the outcome of the review be forwarded to the next meeting of Full Council on 16 March 2021 for approval.