

**Broadband Speed at Cockmuir, Talisker House, Scarcerigg Cottage, Mount Lothian Farm and Mayfield Cottage.****Report by John Blair, Director, Resources****1 Purpose of Report**

To present a petition from Morleymor Fisher calling upon the Council to address the issue of inadequate broadband speed at Cockmuir, Talisker House, Scarcerigg Cottage, Mount Lothian Farm and Mayfield Cottage with the appropriate authorities.

**2 Petition**

- 2.1** The attached petition has been received from Morleymor Fisher, Cockmuir, Mount Lothian, Penicuik.

**3 Petitions – Rules and Procedures**

- 3.1** The adopted Midlothian procedures identify 11 categories for which petitions cannot be entertained. The submitted petition is not proscribed by any of these categories and is therefore valid.

- 3.2** The petition is in the following terms, viz:-

The broadband speed at Cockmuir, Talisker House, Scarcerigg Cottage, Mount Lothian Farm and Mayfield Cottage is so slow that it is impossible to run anything significant using the Internet. At the time of writing the speed is currently 22 kB/s. We would be grateful if you could address this issue with the relevant authorities and improve the line speed in our location. Please don't respond with "too far away from the telephone exchange", we know that. What we need is fibre optic cable from the exchange to our area.

**4 Report Implications****4.1 Resource**

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

**4.2 Risk**

There are no risk implications arising from this report.

**4.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation**

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☐ Community safety
- ☐ Adult health, care and housing
- ☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- ☒ None of the above

**4.4 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan**

Not applicable

**4.5 Impact on Performance and Outcomes**

Not applicable.

**4.6 Adopting a Preventative Approach**

Not applicable.

**4.7 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders**

The availability of a Petitions Committee allows stakeholders to raise issues for consideration by the Council.

**4.8 Ensuring Equalities**

Not applicable.

**4.9 Supporting Sustainable Development**

Not applicable.

**4.10 IT Issues**

Not applicable.

**5 Recommendation**

The Committee is invited to consider the petition submitted by Morleymor Fisher calling upon the Council to address the issue of inadequate broadband speed at Cockmuir, Talisker House, Scarcerigg Cottage, Mount Lothian Farm and Mayfield Cottage with the relevant authorities.

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