

<b>CABINET</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 7</b>
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## UPDATE - PETITIONS

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
<b>FROM : Directors</b>	
1. That Cabinet notes the action taken in respect of petitions presented to full Council.	

### 1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following the presentation of petitions to full Council.

### 2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet on the progress being made in response to petitions in accordance with Standing Order 13 of the Council's Rules of Procedure.
- 2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.3 – 'To take a leading role in promoting the economic, environmental and social well-being of the area'.

### 3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>
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### 4. OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

#### 4.1 Petition Against the Proposed Wind Turbine and Solar Panel Installation on the Newborough Estate

This petition was presented to full Council on 10 October 2012 by Councillor David Harrington. The Council's Area Manager Development Management responded on 6 November 2012 stating that the petition had been included in the ongoing consultation, officers had met and were planning further meetings with the Newborough Land Protection Group on a fortnightly basis to discuss any updates and concerns and future dates for these meetings were being arranged.

#### 4.2 Petitions for A Skate Park In Thorney

This petition was presented to full Council on 10 October 2012 by Councillor Dale McKean. The Council's Assistant Neighbourhood Manager (North and West) responded on 8 November stating that the Neighbourhood Delivery Team had considered the issue and a junior sub-committee was to be set up to help with the necessary consultation and decision

making including dealing with funding bids. A consultation plan had been created for the village before bidding for any available grants and discussions have been held with the local primary school about membership of the working group in order to move the project forward.

#### 4.3 **Petition to Release Funds to Build a New Residential Care Home**

This petition was presented to full Council on 10 October 2012 by Councillor Ed Murphy. The Council's Head of Commissioning - Older People, Physical Disabilities, Sensory Impairment, HIV and Carers responded on 25 October stating that the option to build a new care home had been investigated and considered as part of the council's consultation paper which was available on the council's website. Due to success with the reablement services, it was expected that there would be reduced demand for residential placements. Residents would still have to move out of their current home to take up residence in any new build. Commissioning of a dementia resource centre was planned to provide help to those people living with dementia as well as their carers. The Cabinet report for its meeting on 5 November would contain more details of this.

#### 4.4 **Petition Calling for a Referendum Deferring Closure of the Greenwood House and Welland House Care Homes Until A New Building Is Established**

This petition was presented to full Council on 10 October 2012 by Councillor Ed Murphy. The Council's Head of Commissioning - Older People, Physical Disabilities, Sensory Impairment, HIV and Carers responded on 25 October stating that the request for a referendum on the issue was acknowledged. However, the consultation on this issue was for three months and all those impacted were able to provide their views and alternative proposals before final consideration by Cabinet on 5 November. The referendum request would be included in the responses received to the consultation.

### **5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 Standing Orders require that Council receive a report about the action taken on petitions. As the petitions presented in this report have been dealt with by Cabinet Members or officers it is appropriate that the action taken is reported to Cabinet, prior to it being included within the Executive's report to full Council.

### **6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 6.1 Any alternative options would require an amendment to the Council's Constitution to remove the requirement to report to Council.

### **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no legal implications.

### **8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

- 8.1 Petitions presented to full Council and responses from officers.