

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 9
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OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : Directors	
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?	NO
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4. OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

4.1 Petitions to retain the 413 bus service and against the suspension of Newborough to Peterborough bus services

These petitions were presented to full Council on 10 July 2013 by Councillor David Harrington. The Council's Transport Officer Accessibility & Sustainability responded stating that Cabinet had met again following a call-in of its decision and a further advisory group meeting involving members of the public and bus users would consider the outcome of the procurement exercise before final contracts for the future service were agreed.

4.2 Petition against the proposed solar and wind farms on the council's farms estate

This petition was presented to full Council on 10 July 2013 by Councillor David Harrington. The Council's Renewable Energy Finance Manager responded stating that although the petition had been accepted and included in public responses, a number of the signatories could not be counted as they were from outside the area and the claims in the petition were

not completely correct i.e. there were no plans for the sale of estate land and only 900, not 3000 acres, of farmland were included in the energy project.

4.3 **Two petitions to retain the 407 bus service**

These petitions were presented to full Council on 10 July 2013 by Councillor Brian Rush. The Council's Transport Officer Accessibility & Sustainability responded stating that Cabinet had met again following a call-in of its decision and a further advisory group meeting involving members of the public and bus users would consider the outcome of the procurement exercise before final contracts for the future service were agreed.

4.4 **Four petitions opposing cuts to the 406 bus service**

These petitions were presented to full Council on 10 July 2013 by Councillor John Fox. The Council's Transport Officer Accessibility & Sustainability responded stating that Cabinet had met again following a call-in of its decision and a further advisory group meeting involving members of the public and bus users would consider the outcome of the procurement exercise before final contracts for the future service were agreed.

4.5 **Petition requesting the continuation of bus services in Fengate**

This petition was presented to full Council on 10 July 2013 by Councillor Marion Todd. The Council's Transport Officer Accessibility & Sustainability responded stating that the council was currently in a procurement exercise to secure new services and Fengate would continue to receive a bus service whether timetabled or demand responsive. Final proposals would be presented to an advisory group before awarding contracts for the future provision of services in Fengate.

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.