

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 10
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OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : Directors	Deadline date : N/A
It is recommended that Cabinet notes the actions taken in respect of petitions.	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted following the presentation of petitions to Council at its meeting held on 14 October 2015.

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.
- 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	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

Presented to Council – 14 October 2015

4.1 Petition relating to the closure of the footpath between Benyon Grove and Sellers Grange

This petition was presented to Council on 14 October 2015 by Councillor Graham Casey on behalf of local residents. The petition requested the closure of the footpath between Benyon Grove and Sellers Grange owing to years of anti-social behaviour and damage to properties in the vicinity.

The Council’s Head of Peterborough Highways Service advised that the matter would be forwarded to the relevant officers for investigation.

A further update will therefore be provided to Cabinet in due course.

4.2 **Petition relating to saving Peterborough's libraries**

This petition was presented to Council on 14 October 2015 by Councillor Nick Sandford. The petition called upon Peterborough City Council to ring-fence library funding in the 2016/17 budget for Vivacity.

The Council's Client Manager, Culture and Leisure responded to Councillor Sandford stating that the Council was currently reviewing how it would meet the challenges of balance the 2016/17 budget. There were currently no proposals being considered to reduce library funding in 2016/17. The final decision on all funding would rest with the Council at its meeting in March 2016 and any matters, should they arise would be subject to appropriate consultation.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 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 Council.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1 There have been no alternative options considered.

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 Council and Cabinet and responses from officers.