

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 14
20 NOVEMBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

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OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: <i>Directors</i>	Deadline date: <i>N/A</i>
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 submission of E-Petitions and presentation of petitions at the Council meeting on 11 October 2017.

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 submitted to the Council.
- 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. TIMESCALES

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

E-Petitions

4.1 Lack of Public Engagement and Consultation on LTP4

This E-petition was submitted on 20 September 2017 by Ms Nyree Ambarcian. The petition contained 596 valid signatures and called on the Council to:

- 1) Halt plans for pedestrian crossings at Junction 18 / Rhubarb Bridge. Relook at, and be open about, the negative impact of current proposals. Put plans on hold while you seek funding for a replacement pedestrian and cycle bridge.
- 2) Re-run public engagement and consultation around the Local Transport Plan 4. We don't feel adequate public consultation took place prior to the adoption of this plan. As part of

this, provide detailed, costed options for Junction 18 / Rhubarb Bridge and consult people on the alternatives.

- 3) Debate both these things at a Full Council meeting as soon as possible. Hold a public meeting in 2017 on these issues for the public to share their thoughts with officers and councillors.

The petition was debated at Full Council on 11 October 2017 and it was resolved that Council noted the petition and referred it for further consideration to the Cabinet with a recommendation that they set up a cross party working group to examine fully costed options and that would consider the comments made this evening by the petitioner and Members of this Council, the purpose of that would be to ensure that priority was given to pedestrians and cyclists in line with the transport user hierarchy in the Local Transport Plan.

Petitions Presented at the Council Meeting 11 October 2017

4.2 Petition for a Pedestrian Crossing on Goodwin Walk near Rowland Court

This petition was presented to the Full Council meeting on 11 October 2017 by Councillor Lane. The petition contained 17 valid signatures from the majority of individuals affected and called on the Council to install a pedestrian crossing on Goodwin Walk near Rowland Court.

The Transport Planning Officer advised that as there was a limited budget available to implement these requests the Council used a standard assessment procedure to score potential sites and determine priority. Requests that scored sufficiently in the assessment were progressed to the Peterborough Highway Services Project Board, where a decision was made on including it as a scheme in the Capital Works Programme. Requests that do not score sufficiently did not progress any further.

With regards to this request the Council would carry out an assessment of the site and would write to the petitioner to confirm the outcome.

5. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 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.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1 There have been no alternative options considered.

7. IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no legal, financial, or equalities implications arising from the issues considered.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

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