

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 7.1
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OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM : Directors	
<p>1. This report recommends that the action taken in respect of the petitions presented to full Council be noted.</p>	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following submission of petitions to 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 the petitions in accordance with Standing Order 10.

2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.1 – ‘to take collective responsibility for the delivery within the Council's Major Policy and Budget Framework’.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO
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4. PETITIONS PRESENTED TO FULL COUNCIL ON 14 OCTOBER 2009

4.1 PETITION TO SAVE THE SCOTT CLOSE RECREATION GROUND AND RESTORE ITS PLAY EQUIPMENT

This petition was presented to Council on 14 October 2009 by Councillor Wilkinson.

The Council’s Neighbourhood Manager, South, has confirmed that the South team Neighbourhood Officer visited the area on 20th October and reported that discussions with residents had suggested that they had heard that the land was to be developed for housing and that the area would then be opened up into Harlton Close allowing through access, which is why the majority of the residents of Harlton Close had signed the petition. Residents said that they would prefer if play equipment was put back and the access from Scott Close only to remain, but the officer felt that the main motivation was to ensure that the current situation of no access to Harlton Close from the recreation area remained the same.

There were a number of alleys in the surrounding area and there was an unsuccessful petition request from the residents of Harlton Close and some of the surrounding streets

last year to have the alley from Harlton Close to Newborn Close closed. Further investigation with the Planning department has not substantiated any plans to develop this land for housing. Section 106 funds totalling £32,000 was spent on play equipment at Byron Close and Park Farm and the remaining funds have been earmarked for a proposed Skate Park and Youth Shelter in nearby areas of Stanground. There are no current plans to re-install play equipment at Scott Close.

4.2 PETITION TO SAVE THE 403 & 413 BUS SERVICES

This petition was presented to Council on 14 October 2009 by Councillor Lamb.

The interim Head of Environment, Transport & Engineering has responded to Councillor Lamb advising her that the Executive Director, Operations is due to meet with Councillor Hiller and Teresa Wood, Group Manager for Transport and Sustainable Environment, to discuss the results of the consultation and the proposals emerging from this. He advised that it is proposed to implement the Call Connect service in two phases. The proposal is to initially implement phase one to the west of the Peterborough unitary area. Therefore, for Glington, it is proposed to retain the 403/413 Local Link service at this time, perhaps with some timetable changes. Usage of the 403/413 service will be closely monitored to ascertain any increase in passenger numbers. In addition, should the Call Connect service be approved and implemented, it will also be closely monitored to measure its usage prior to any proposals to implement in other areas. A final report on the bus service review will be considered by Cabinet as part of the budget setting discussions.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Standing Orders require that Council receive a report about the action taken on petitions. As the petition presented in this report has been dealt with by Cabinet Members or officers it is appropriate for the action to be reported in this way so that it will be presented in the Executive's report to 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. IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no legal or Human Rights Act implications.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 8.1 The Council's Constitution, petitions presented to Peterborough City Council and responses to those petitions from officers.