

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
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UPDATE - PETITIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS	
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. 3.2.1 – 'to take collective responsibility for the delivery of all strategic Executive functions within the Council's Major Policy and Budget Framework and lead the Council's overall improvements programmes to deliver excellent services'.

3. TIMESCALE

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

4.1 Petition for CCTV camera(s) to be installed on a permanent basis within Century Square, Millfield, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire PE1 3FR:

This petition was presented to full Council on 26 July 2010 by Councillor Peach.

The Council's Resilience and Risk Services Manager responded on 2 September following information gathered from Safer Peterborough Partnership and the relevant Neighbourhood Team advising that incidents reported were mainly of anti-social behaviour and due to their nature, the cost of installing, maintaining and monitoring a CCTV system for Century Square could not be justified (2 cameras would be needed for this operation). Due to the nature of the offences, it was also not certain that CCTV would be an effective deterrent.

4.2 Petition opposing change in route to the number 5 bus through Bluebell Avenue:

This petition was presented to Council by Councillor Swift.

The Council's Head of Planning Transport and Engineering responded to Councillor Swift and all signatories on the petition by letter dated 10 August advising that as the service is operated by a private company, Stagecoach, the Council is limited to what it can do regarding the operating routes. Stagecoach would have had approval to use the altered route from the Area Traffic Office at least 56 days in advance but there was no statutory requirement to advise residents of bus service changes. Speed checks and vehicle monitoring would be arranged on this route. All of the Stagecoach buses run on Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel including the additive Envirox to further reduce pollution. All city bus routes would be gritted in the winter times. Concerns over the stopping of buses at non-marked bus stops would be raised with Stagecoach.

4.3 Petition for Pavement Resurfacing in Dudley Avenue and Rockingham Grove

This petition was presented to Council by Councillor Sandford.

The Council's Highway Maintenance Team Manager responded to Councillor Sandford on 4 August and reiterated information sent to Councillor Sandford in April this year that inspections had been carried out and the pavements were not deemed to be in need of repair and any cracks or other defects were not serious enough to warrant major works in the foreseeable future. The Highway Maintenance Team Manager advised that any maintenance requests were assessed and considered alongside other requests across the city in order to identify and prioritise sites in a fair and measured way.

A further email was sent to Councillor Sandford on 12 August stating that a further inspection had been carried out on 10 August where some cracked slabs had been marked for repair due to the possibility of developing into a trip hazard and an order was raised with the contractor to resolve this.

4.4 Petition for refusal of planning application reference 10/00328/FUL at 157-161 Fletton Avenue

This petition was presented to Council by Councillor Walsh.

The council's Group Manager Planning Services responded to the lead signatory on the petition and Cllr Walsh advising that the considerations of the signatories would be taken into account when a decision was made on the application. The letter also advised that most planning decisions were taken by officers and not a formal meeting of the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee.

The Planning and Environmental Protection committee meeting of 7 September considered this application and subsequently, the planning application was approved by the committee.

4.5 Petition opposing introduction of residents' parking permits in Gloucester Road and St Johns Road

This petition was presented to Council by Councillor Serluca.

A public meeting was held between officers, residents and ward councillors on 25 August. The Zonal parking scheme as proposed has not received sufficient support to proceed. A refund will be provided upon request to all applicants. An alternative scheme is being considered.

4.6 Petition opposing introduction of residents' parking permits in Queens Road and Fairfield Road

This petition was presented to Council by Councillor Serluca.

A public meeting was held between officers, residents and ward councillors on 25 August. The Zonal parking scheme as proposed has not received sufficient support to proceed. A refund will be provided upon request to all applicants. An alternative scheme is being considered.

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.

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