

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 9
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UPDATE - 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. 3.2.1 – '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 regarding a request for Bourges Boulevard (old) to be made safer from speeding cars

This petition was presented to full Council on 12 October by Councillor Khan. The Council's Infrastructure Delivery Team Manager responded on 24 October 2011 stating that a scheme of works had been completed at the junctions of English Street and Searjeant Street and that it was now proposed to monitor the speed of vehicles to see if further works were needed.

4.2 Petition regarding a request for the construction of an access road to the rear of Gladstone Street properties

This petition was presented to full Council on 12 October by Councillor Nadeem. The Council's Head of Neighbourhoods responded on 11 November 2011 stating that the

parking situation in the area was known to officers and would be addressed as part of Operation CAN-do. The cost involved in the construction would amount to tens of thousands of pounds and a change of use of land would be needed which would need planning permission. However, officers would be including the concept in the scope of the Operation CAN-do strategic parking review so that it could be properly and fully investigated and costs identified. Interim measures would be implemented to ensure access for emergency vehicles was maintained.

4.3 **Petition regarding a request opposing proposals to remove a third of the trees on Bridge Street**

This petition was presented to full Council on 12 October by Councillor Sandford. The Council's Head of Growth and Regeneration responded on 26 October 2011 stating that the petition would be collated with the responses received for the original Bridge Street and Long Causeway consultation and also with the responses to the additional consultation regarding the tree element of the Bridge Street and Long Causeway proposals. It was expected that final proposals would be presented by the end of this year.

4.4 **Petition to build a children's play area and a multi use games area in North Bretton**

This petition was presented to full Council on 12 October by Councillor Martin. Enterprise Peterborough's Community Engagement Officer responded on 8 November stating that the site in question had potential for the development of a play area. A cost quotation for the development of the site and the supply and installation of play equipment to compliment the area will be provided and coloured designs will be produced. Funding streams will then need to be identified with the Neighbourhood Manager to realise the plans.

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.