

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 11
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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. 3.2.3 – '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
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4. OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

4.1 Petition requesting improvements and possible adoption of First Drove Fengate

This petition was presented to full Council on 18 April 2012 by Councillor Marion Todd. The Council's Head of Planning, Transport and Engineering Services responded on 1 May 2012 stating that although the conditions of the road were unsatisfactory, it was a private road, not part of the public highway and the council had no responsibility for its maintenance. Further, First Drove was not of an adoptable design, standard or condition. Although a street light is located on the road, this did not commit the council to any maintenance or ownership responsibilities. An initial estimate of £600,000 would be needed to bring First Drove up to a standard whereby the council could consider it suitable for adoption. Officers would continue trying to establish the current ownership of the road and where maintenance responsibilities lay but this detail could be contained in the deeds to the business properties located there.

4.2 **Petition requesting greater alternative democratic process for Youth MP elections**

This Petition was presented to full Council on 18 April 2012 by Luke Pagliaro representing the Sixth Form Union and Youth Council. The Council's Locality Manager 8-19 Service has contacted and met with representatives of the Sixth Form Union and Youth Council in order to establish a working group with officers to consider new ways of running and administering the voting process for the election in order to include greater numbers of young people and to revise the programme of the election night itself. The first officer meeting took place on Wednesday 30 May and meetings with youth representatives will continue in order to agree an acceptable process before the end of the summer term when schools will become involved.

4.3 **Petition requesting greater youth facilities be provided around Belham Road**

This petition was presented to full Council on 18 April 2012 by Ms Nicola Day-Dempsey. The Council's Locality Manager responded advising that new projects were being developed through the Operation Can Do Youth Provider Forum such as Century Arts on a Wednesday evening that attracted around 30-40 young people from the area and Voyager Dance on Tuesday evenings attracting around 15 young people. Regarding Belham Road in particular, the 8-19 Service would be using the Youth Street Bus to consult with the young people about their needs and also to engage local partners to consider pooling resources to alleviate any problems. The Operation Can Do delivery plan would be used to monitor the work and identify any further issues with partners and other agencies.

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.