

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 9
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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. 3.2.3 – '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 opposing the opening of a Tesco store on the site of the former Chequers public house

This petition was presented to full Council on 11 July 2012 by Councillor Sue Allen. The Council's Group Manager - Development Management responded on 13 July 2012 stating that planning permission was not required to convert the former pub to a shop. However, Tesco would still have to apply for aspects such as a new shop front, signage and air conditioning units. Regarding local traffic concerns, it would not be appropriate for the City Council to consider whether the existing traffic management measures should be modified or new measures introduced until such time as the store was operational and its impact could be properly assessed; to do otherwise could risk ineffective work being implemented.

4.2 Petition opposing the closure of Welland House and Greenwood House

This petition was presented to full Council on 11 July 2012 by Councillor Nabil Shabbir. The Council's Assistant Director Strategic Commissioning responded on 19 July 2012

stating that the petition would be included as part of the consultation agreed by Cabinet on 10 July. A final decision would be made about the care homes in the autumn once the Cabinet had carefully considered the proposals and the comments made by residents of the homes, respite and day care users, families, carers and advocates and affected staff. In addition the council was working with Age UK Peterborough to ensure people who do not have a carer, friend or relative could have an advocate to make sure their views are heard. It was further noted that there were around 800 care home places for older people within the independent sector in Peterborough including specialist dementia places and places which were dually registered for dementia and nursing and dementia and residential care.

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.