

<b>CABINET</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 8</b>
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## OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
<b>FROM : Directors</b>	
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?	<b>NO</b>
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### 4. OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

#### 4.1 **Petition proposing the introduction of a dedicated cycle lane along Bridge Street, Peterborough**

This petition was presented to full Council on 9 October 2013 by Councillor Darren Fower. The Council's Head of Planning, Transport and Engineering Services responded stating that no details were given on how a cycle lane would integrate with other cycle lanes in the city centre. Peterborough already has an extensive network of cycleways linking education and employment sites. The Long term Transport Strategy sets out that that the city centre would have a pedestrian core, giving pedestrians and those with mobility difficulties priority over cyclists. It was difficult to see how the introduction of a cycle lane would not be detrimental to the success and vitality of Bridge Street without incurring further significant expenditure.

#### 4.2 **Petition for the removal of a parking barrier in Crowhurst**

This petition was presented to full Council on 9 October 2013 by Councillor Stephen Lane. Head of Planning, Transport and Engineering Services responded stating that the homes in Crowhurst were built when car ownership was substantially below today's levels and a parking pressure is acknowledged. The retention of trees in the area imposes some

constraints on available land to address this. Work was ongoing to find a solution to this issue and no decision has yet been reached regarding the removal of a barrier to increase parking provision but the councillor will be kept up to date on progress.

## **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.