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| COUNCIL | AGENDA ITEM No. 9 |
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EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

(a) CABINET RECOMMENDATION – PETITIONS SCHEME

Cabinet at its meeting of 28 July 2014, received a report following the adoption of the revised Standing Orders by Council and the withdrawal of the Authority's former petition scheme.

The purpose of the report was to seek Cabinet's approval (*as detailed within the record of executive decisions report at agenda item 10*) to adopt and recommend to Council the revised petitions scheme and associated levels of signatures to trigger debate at Full Council, Cabinet and Scrutiny and to authorise the Director of Governance to make minor, technical and procedural changes as considered necessary to ensure the Scheme meets standards of best practice in public administration.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council:

1. Adopt the draft petition scheme (as set out at Appendix 1 to the Cabinet report);
2. Agree the levels of valid signatures required in a petition to trigger the varying procedural responses within the Scheme, these being 2000 signatures to trigger a debate at Full Council and 500 signatures to trigger a debate at Cabinet and Scrutiny (with speakers to receive 4 minutes speaking time at Cabinet and Scrutiny); and
3. Authorise the Director of Governance to make such minor, technical and procedural changes as she considers it necessary to ensure the Scheme meets standards of best practice in public administration.

(The original Cabinet report and Appendix follow this report).

(b) CABINET RECOMMENDATION – FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Cabinet at its meeting of 22 September 2014, received a report which presented the Draft Peterborough Flood Risk Management Strategy.

The purpose of the report was to recommend that Cabinet (*as detailed within the record of executive decisions report at agenda item 10*) approve the Draft Peterborough Flood Risk Management Strategy for the purpose of it being publically consulted on during October and November 2014 and to support the proposal of the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee to include further explanatory text in the FMS prior to its publication and to further support the recommendation of the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee to amend the Constitution and thereby place the Flood Management Strategy as a Major Policy item.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council agrees for the Constitution to be amended to reflect the Flood Management Strategy as a Major Policy item.

(The original Cabinet report follows this report).

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