

<b>CABINET</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
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## OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

<b>R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S</b>	
<b>FROM : Directors</b>	<b>Deadline date : N/A</b>
It is recommended that Cabinet notes the action taken in respect of the petition presented to Council.	

### 1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following the presentation of a petition to 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.

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’.

2.3 The present petitions scheme is currently under review and a report will be presented to Council in due course.

### 3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>
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### 4. OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

#### 4.1 Petition relating to the Fulbridge Road Allotments

This petition was presented to Council on 28 January 2015 by Councillor Julia Davidson, on behalf of Werrington Allotments Association, the purpose being to obtain the following objectives:

1. To obtain assistance from Peterborough City Council in making the fences and gates along the access road to the site more secure following a spate of thefts and acts of vandalism; and
2. To obtain assistance from Peterborough City Council in making the fencing and gate at the rear of the site more secure as it has fallen into disrepair and unauthorised access is being gained by intruders.

Amey's Partnership Manager responded stating that *"I can confirm that both Peterborough City Council and Amey have been actively engaged with the self-managed allotment, to date we have helped fund the new locks that have been installed to replace the old combination code ones, we have also funded further wire mesh to the rear fence of the allotment to prevent intruders being able to climb over the old wooden frame.*

*The main fence around the access road is in a good state of repair and fully secures the site, we have addressed the issues with the locks and are now looking at how we can further help secure the rear area. We have also as you are aware been in contact with the Police who have offered further advice and help where possible.*

*There has also been a meeting onsite to discuss the future options of the allotment taking on part of the land to the rear where most of the intruders are gaining entry. We have now received quotes to move and replace the existing fence and to fence off the full rear area around the shrub belt, the initial quotes for this work are £17,893. This has been communicated back for further discussion and we are looking at ways in which the allotment association can do some of the work to bring down costs'.*

## **5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 As the petition presented in this report has 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 There have been no alternative options considered.

## **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 Petition presented to Council and responses from officers.