

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 11
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OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Directors	Deadline date : N/A
It is recommended that Cabinet notes the actions taken in respect of petitions.	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted following the presentation of petitions to Council at its meeting held on 19 July 2016

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 submitted at meetings of Council and Cabinet.
- 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	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

Presented to Council – 19 July 2016

4.1 **Petition relating to Livermore Green Tree Pruning**

This petition was presented to Council on 19 July 2016 by Mrs Careick on behalf of residents of Livermore Green. The petition contained 56 valid signatures and requested that the Council look into the matter of overhanging trees in the vicinity, alongside the railway line, as residents were having trouble with the trees, in some cases which were almost touching the houses, causing darkness and stopping the light and sunlight from reaching the gardens thus causing bad growth to lawns and flower etc. Also, as the trees had not been attended to for a long time, this was causing growth to the roots of the trees and as a result, was also causing problems to the paths and patios of the properties.

The Council’s Amey Partnership Manager responded to the lead petitioner and advised that due to the consensus of public opinion in the case, and with the support of local councillors, a program of works had been identified which was hoped to address the concerns raised. The aim of the works was to remove the shelterbelts trees, within the first five metres from residential boundaries, which had unsuitable long term relationships with properties. Works

will also be undertaken to reduce all vegetation within one metre of property boundaries to ground level and where appropriate chemically treat the area to limit regrowth.

4.2 Petition relating to Parking in Deaconscroft

This petition was presented to Council on 19 July 2016 by Councillor Ed Murphy on behalf of the residents of Deaconscroft. The petition contained 55 valid signatures and called upon Peterborough City Council to consider suggestions from Councillor Murphy to mitigate the parking problems within the neighbourhood. These included the sale of land to residents to create appropriate parking spaces, the provision of a limited number of additional parking spaces and that green spaces were reinstated, protected and repaired as a preferred solution to the introduction of residential parking charges.

The Council's Network and Traffic Manager responded to Councillor Murphy stating that whilst the majority of the land was owned by the City Council, there were also parts that fell under the ownership of Cross Keys Homes. The Network and Traffic Manger asked that Councillor Murphy meet with him on site to discuss the suggestions made and potential dates had been suggested.

4.3 Petition relating to Noise and Anti-Social Behaviour in Century Square

This petition was presented to Council on 19 July 2016 by Ms Jo Carter on behalf of the residents of Century Square. The petition contained 32 valid signatures and requested that Peterborough City Council, the Police and the Safer Peterborough Partnership address more successfully, consistently and appropriately the noise and anti-social behaviour which regularly disrupted the lives of residents living in Century Square, particularly at night time.

The lead petitioner had been visited by the Police and she had outlined her main concerns. The situation was to be monitored for the foreseeable future with the lead petitioner to keep a log of any incidents and to report them as appropriate to 999/101 if a prompt response was required.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 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 Council.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1 There have been no alternative options considered.

7. IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no legal, financial or equalities implications arising from the issues considered.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

- 8.1 Petitions presented to Council and Cabinet and responses from officers.