

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 13
7 NOVEMBER 2016	PUBLIC REPORT

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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 Cabinet at its meeting held on 26 September and Council at its meeting held on 12 October 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 Cabinet and Council.
- 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 Cabinet – 26 September 2016

4.1 **Petition relating to Entrance to Charlotte Way Thorpe Green Peterborough**

This petition was presented to Cabinet on 26 September 2016 by Councillor Smith on behalf of Brian Oliphant. The petition contained 166 valid signatures and called upon Peterborough City Council to cancel proposals to demolish and remove the four stone pillars at the entry to Charlotte Way and to remove the trees and shrubbery lining the main road to both Thorpe Green and Wilson Gardens.

The Council’s Highway and Control Team Manager met with residents, Councillor Smith and Stewart Jackson MP to discuss the issues raised in the petition. It was advised that the Council had not asked for the removal of any trees, that Morris Homes had been advised to keep the existing shrubs in Charlotte Way, and that the outer pillars at the entrance to Charlotte Way were located in a private area, therefore could remain.

It was further advised that details had been requested from Morris Homes as to the material of the inner pillars at the entrance to Charlotte Way, with a view to assessing how

structurally sound the pillars were. In the event that the pillars were structurally sound, they would remain in place and be adopted by the Council.

4.2 **Petition relating to the travellers site at Hurn Road, Peterborough**

This petition was presented to Cabinet on 26 September 2016 by Councillor Holdich on behalf of residents of Hurn Road, Lincoln Road, Gascoigne, and Davids Close. The petition related to planning consent 16/01214/FUL and 16/01268 and as such was excluded from the Council's Petitions Scheme.

The petition was provided to the Development and Construction Service to progress.

Presented to Council – 12 October 2016

4.3 **Petition relating to better EU citizen support**

This petition was presented to Council on 12 October 2016 by Becki Sellick. The petition contained 50 valid signatures and called upon Peterborough City Council to support all its new neighbours and friends by:

1. Signposting and strengthening services, including Community Connectors;
2. Providing information about citizenship and facilitation citizenship applications; and
3. Continuing to celebrate diverse cultures with festivals.

Acknowledgement has been provided to the Lead Petitioner and a request sent to the Council's Corporate Director of People and Communities to respond.

4.4 **Petition relating to lighting on Cissbury Ring and Fulbridge Road**

This petition was presented to Council on 12 October 2016 by Councillor Davidson on behalf of local residents. The petition contained 85 valid signatures and called upon Peterborough City Council to introduce and replace old lighting on Cissbury Ring and Fulbridge Road with LED lights.

Acknowledgement has been provided to the Lead Petitioner and a request sent to the Council's Corporate Director for Growth and Regeneration to respond.

4.5 **Petition relating to St Michaels Gate**

This petition was presented to Council on 12 October 2016 by Councillor Davidson on behalf of Leah Robb. The petition called upon Peterborough City Council to stop people being evicted from their homes at St Michaels Gate.

Following receipt of this petition officers concluded that the petition did not meet the criteria set out in the Petitions Scheme. This was confirmed to the Lead Petitioner who was provided with advice on how to submit a valid petition.

A new petition has now been activated through the Council's e-petition scheme. Once this e-petition is closed and submitted by the Lead Petitioner, officers can begin the validation process.

4.6 **Petition relating to Russell Street cleansing**

This petition was presented to Council on 12 October 2016 by Councillor Jamil on behalf of Community First Residents Association. The petition contained 67 valid signatures and called upon Peterborough City Council to consider that Russell Street be included in the city centres frequent cleaning boundary.

Acknowledgement has been provided to the Lead Petitioner and a request sent to the Council's Amey Partnership Manager to respond.

4.7 **Petition relating to the redirection of Drake Avenue**

This petition was presented to Council on 12 October 2016 by Councillor Walsh on behalf of Lenka Maidakova. The petition contained 48 valid signatures and called upon Peterborough City Council to re-direct the main road from Drake Avenue back to London Road.

Acknowledgement has been provided to the Lead Petitioner and a request sent to the Council's Highway and Control Team Manager to respond.

4.8 **Petition relating to traffic calming measures for Gunthorpe Ridings**

This petition was presented to Council on 12 October 2016 by Councillor Fower on behalf of local residents. The petition contained 101 valid signatures and called upon Peterborough City Council to take action and to introduce road safety measures along Gunthorpe Ridings.

Acknowledgement has been provided to the Lead Petitioner and a request sent to the Council's Corporate Director for Growth and Regeneration to respond.

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 Cabinet and Council and responses from officers.

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