

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM. 7(iii)
14 DECEMBER 2016	PUBLIC REPORT

PETITION FOR DEBATE – ‘PLEASE HELP TO STOP ST MICHAEL’S GATE RESIDENTS BEING EVICTED’

RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM: THE MAYOR, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, AND THE MONITORING OFFICER
It is recommended that Council notes the petition and debates the request to take action.

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 A petition has been received by the Council with contains more than 500 signatures from people who live, work or study in the city. As such, the right to a debate of the petition by a meeting of the full Council has been triggered, according to the Petitions Scheme.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 As set out in the Council’s Petitions Scheme, if a petition contains more than 500 signatures from people who live, work or study in the city, it will trigger the right to be debated by a meeting of the full Council.

2.2 On 1 November 2016 a petition was received with the Council from Miss Jelana Stevic. Following the undertaking of a verification process, the petition was confirmed to include 507 eligible signatures.

2.3 Miss Stevic requested that the petition was debated by a meeting of the full Council, as per the Petitions Scheme.

2.4 The petition is titled ‘Please Help to Stop St Michael’s Gate Residents Being Evicted’. The summary and background to the petition reads, “By adding your signature the Lease with Steph and Philips Limited for the use of St Michael’s Gate Parnwell, prevent them using St Michael’s as interim accommodation for homeless families.”

2.5 The petition calls on Peterborough City Council to take action and not support the deal and requests a debate at this Council meeting in December 2016.

2.6 A copy of the petition is available to Members to view upon request.

3. IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Finance Implications – There are no financial, legal, or equalities implications arising from this report.

3.2 Governance Implications – This report will be debated following the presentation of the petition. The Leader Petitioner has five minutes to present this petition. Members will then be invited to debate the request contain therein. The usual rules of procedure will apply to this debate. Each Member may speak once for no longer than 3 minutes. A Member may not speak again, except

on a point of order, by way of a personal explanation, or by way of a statement of accuracy. The Mayor will invite a vote on the recommendation at the close of the debate.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

4.1 Peterborough City Council Petitions Scheme.

5. APPENDICES

5.1 None.