

<b>CABINET</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 10
<b>25 SEPTEMBER 2017</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

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## OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
<b>FROM:</b> <i>Directors</i>	<b>Deadline date:</b> <i>N/A</i>
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 directly to Council officers and at the reconvened Council meeting on 19 July 2017.

### 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 to the 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. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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### 4. OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

#### **Petitions Presented to Council Officers**

#### 4.1 **Petition Relating to Funbase Family Contact Centre, Gunthorpe**

This petition was presented to Council officers on 7 July 2017 by Councillor Davidson. The petition contained 609 valid signatures and objected to the essential Child Care provision which Funbase currently provided in Gunthorpe and the surrounding area.

The Council's Head of Early Years and Childcare advised that, due to a number of concerns raised in relation to the current provider and the need for the local authority to ensure the building was fully utilised to support the additional spaces required for parents to access their funded early years entitlement, Funbase were served notice in March 2017. There had been a very rigorous process undertaken to secure a new provider who would be able to offer early

years and childcare across the day.

Barnardos had been identified as the new provider and had already started the process of ofsted registration and staff Tupe. As there was some level of work required on the building there would be a short period where the service would be affected but parents were given the choice as to how this should be achieved. The proposed operational date for Barnardos was Monday 18 September 2017.

#### 4.2 **Petition Relating to Traffic Speed, Tavistock Close, Thorney**

This petition was presented to Council officers on 13 July 2017 by Councillor Allen on behalf of Mr and Mrs Richardson. The petition contained 19 valid signatures and called on the Council to provide a speed bump or restriction on Tavistock Close.

The Council's Principal Transport Planning Officer advised that accidents throughout the city were analysed and areas where there are clusters of accidents are investigated to see if speed or the construction of the road was a factor. At this point any solutions would be considered for implementation.

Tavistock Close did not feature on the current accident cluster list and nor had the policy highlighted it as an issue to the Council. The road was narrow and this was considered to act as a form of traffic calming.

The officer further advised that the Council could only put in speed reduction measures where there was a need to do so and the Council needed to have a consistent approach to speed across the whole of Peterborough. As such there were no current plans for speed reduction measures on this road.

#### **Petitions Presented at the Council Meeting 19 July 2017**

#### 4.3 **Petition Relating to Traffic Lights on Cromwell Road and Russell Street**

This petition was presented to the Full Council meeting on 19 July 2017 by Councillor Hussain. The petition contained 87 valid signatures and called on the Council to reinstall the traffic lights that were taken away from the junction of Cromwell Road and Russell Street a few years ago.

The Network and Traffic Manager advised that the traffic signals were removed just over three years ago and since that time there had been no traffic collisions resulting in injury recorded at this junction.

There were several physical constraints present at this location that would impact on the design and installation of new traffic signals, such as:

- relatively narrow footways in which to locate the signal poles;
- the presence of mature trees that would obscure the signal heads; and
- the alignment of the roads which affects the positioning of the signals and stop lines and the sequence in which the signals would need to operate would adversely affect the efficiency of the junction.

The Manager further advised that, whilst there was no reason to justify the significant cost of reintroducing traffic signals at this location at this present time, the Council will arrange for the road marking in this area to be remarked.

### 5. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

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.

### 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 the Council and responses from officers.

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