

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 7.2
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OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : Directors	
<p>1. This report recommends that the action taken in respect of the petitions presented to full Council be noted.</p>	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following submission of petitions 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 the petitions in accordance with Standing Order 10.

2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.1 – ‘to take collective responsibility for the delivery within the Council's Major Policy and Budget Framework’.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO
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4. PETITIONS PRESENTED TO FULL COUNCIL ON 15 JULY 2009

4.1 PETITION FOR A PLAY AREA FOR ALLEXTON GARDENS

This petition was presented to Council on 6 July 2009 by Councillor Ash and asked for a safe play area for children in Allextion Gardens

The Council’s Neighbourhood Manager, Central & East Locality, has responded as follows:

“The Council’s new neighbourhood management approach within the Operations Directorate works to ensure that a holistic approach to address matters of concern within neighbourhoods is adopted for the benefit of the wider community. It is therefore of importance that as we have been made aware of this situation, the neighbourhood management team operating within this locality, will now undertake a thorough investigation of the issues presented. This will involve contact with all stakeholders in the area as well as implementing a community engagement plan to facilitate communications with local residents.

“The team have already undertaken a visual audit of the area as well as started to collate data and local intelligence, all of which will be utilised to thoroughly problem solve this matter. Some residents have already been in direct contact with the team and are providing valuable background information.

“I trust this information is useful in the first instance to provide you with an overview of how we will be taking this matter further. We will keep you up to date with progress/outcomes but if you have any concerns or queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.”

4.2 PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF A WALL FROM COMMUNAL AREA AT 39-49 BROOKFURLONG

This petition was presented to Council on 6 July 2009 by Mr E Murphy and asked for the removal of a wall in the vicinity of 39-49 Brookfurlong to prevent anti-social behaviour.

The Council’s City Wide Manager has responded as follows:

“...I can confirm that myself and David Denson (Head of Operations, Peterborough City Services, Street scene and Facilities) will be visiting the wall from the communal area at 39-49 Brookfurlong on Thursday 30th July at 4.00pm to assess the wall stated in your petition and that we will contact you on our return to discuss the matter in more detail.”

4.3 PETITION AGAINST THE ERECTION OF HIGH SECURITY FENCE AROUND PLAYING FIELD ADJACENT TO NORWOOD SCHOOL

This petition was presented to Council on 6 July 2009 by Councillor Fower and objected to the proposed erection of a high, security style fence around the playing field adjacent to Norwood School and to the loss of public access to the land via the gates on Elter Walk and Coniston Avenue.

The Council’s Neighbourhood Manager, Central and East Locality has responded on behalf of Neighbourhood Services for the North and West Locality as follows:

“The Council’s new neighbourhood management approach within the Operations Directorate works to ensure that a holistic approach to address matters of concern within neighbourhoods is adopted for the benefit of the wider community. It is therefore of importance that, as we have been made aware of this situation, the neighbourhood management team operating with this locality, will now undertake a thorough investigation of the issues presented. This will involve contact with all stakeholders in the area as well as implementing a community engagement plan to facilitate communications with local residents.

“The team have already undertaken a visual audit of the area as well as started to collate data and local intelligence, all of which will be utilised to thoroughly problem solve this matter. Mrs Hilary Joyce has been in direct contact with the team and is providing valuable background information.

“I trust this information is useful in the first instance to provide you with an overview of how we will be taking this matter further. We will keep you up to date with progress/outcomes but if you have any concerns or queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.”

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Standing Orders require that Council receive a report about the action taken on petitions. As the petition presented in this report has been dealt with by Cabinet Members or officers it is appropriate for the action to be reported in this way so that it will be presented in the Executive’s report to Council.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1 Any alternative options would require an amendment to the Council's Constitution to remove the requirement to report to Council.

7. IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no legal or Human Rights Act implications.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 8.1 The Council's Constitution, petitions presented to Peterborough City Council and responses to those petitions from officers.

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