

<b>CABINET</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 10
<b>24 SEPTEMBER 2018</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 submission of E-Petitions, the presentation of petitions to Council officers, and the presentation of petitions at Council meetings.

### 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. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

#### **Petitions Presented to Councillor Officers**

#### To Oppose the Planned Closure of Herlington Post Office Orton Malborne

The petition was submitted by Heather Skibsted on 12 July 2018, alongside a E-petition. The combined petitions contained 170 valid signatures and called on the Council to intervene in this issue if a suitable solution is not found to keep the Herlington Post Office open in this area.

The Head of Community Resilience and Integration responded and advised that he had taken into consideration the concerns the petitioners had raised and enquiries had been made to establish the current situation.

Herlington Post Office closed around two weeks ago as part of the national strategy based on

business viability. It was understood that currently the nearest two Post Offices were in the Orton Centre and at Oakleigh Drive, Orton Longueville.

The Head of Community Resilience and Integration was intending to write to Post Office Ltd, which owned and ran the Post Office Network, to seek their explanation as to what steps had been taken to ensure the needs of all residents in the area were met adequately.

As this petition has received over the necessary 50 signatures it is eligible for debate at a Cabinet meeting. The Lead Petitioner has indicated that she would like to take up this opportunity.

## **7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 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.

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

8.1 There have been no alternative options considered.

## **9. IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

10.1 Petitions presented to the Council and responses from officers.

## **11. APPENDICES**

11.1 None.