

<b>CABINET</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
<b>19 NOVEMBER 2018</b>	PUBLIC REPORT

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**PETITION FOR DEBATE ‘HERLINGTON POST OFFICE’**

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
<b>FROM : Director of Law and Governance</b>
<p>It is recommended the Cabinet either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Take the action requested in the petition if it is possible to do so.</li> <li>2. Refer the petition to either a Cabinet Member or the relevant Scrutiny Committee for consideration having regards to the comments made in the debate.</li> <li>3. Note the petition and comments but take no action for the reasons given in the debate.</li> <li>4. Take any other action considered appropriate.</li> </ol>

**1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 A petition has been received by the Council with contains more than 50 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 Cabinet 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 50 signatures from people who live, work or study in the city, it may trigger the right to be debated by a meeting of Cabinet or Scrutiny.

2.2 On 12 July 2018 a petition was received with the Council from Heather Skibsted. Following the undertaking of a verification process, the petition was confirmed to include 170 eligible signatures.

2.3 Ms Skibsted requested that the petition was debated by a meeting of the Cabinet, as per the Petitions Scheme.

2.4 The petition is titled ‘Herlington Post Office’. The petitions states ‘We oppose the planned closure of the Herlington Post office in Orton Malborne’ and calls upon the Council ‘to intervene to ensure that this essential public service continues’.

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

- 2.6 The petition was referred to the executive director in order that the concerns and questions raised were responded to.
- 2.7 A response was provided to the lead petitioner as attached at Appendix 1.

### **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 three minutes to present this petition. The relevant Cabinet Member will put forward their proposal that will be debated following the normal rules of debate. The proposal will then be voted on and may either be carried or defeated.

### **4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- 4.1 Peterborough City Council Petitions Scheme.

### **5. APPENDICES**

- 5.1 None.