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| CABINET | AGENDA ITEM No. 13 |
| 18 JUNE 2019 | PUBLIC REPORT |

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| Report of: | Fiona McMillan, Director of Law and Governance | |
| Cabinet Member(s) responsible: | Councillor Farooq, Cabinet Member for Digital Services and Transformation | |
| Contact Officer(s): | Pippa Turvey, Democratic and Constitutional Services Manager | Tel. 452460 |

OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

| RECOMMENDATIONS | |
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| FROM: <i>Directors</i> | Deadline date: <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

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| Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan? | NO | If yes, date for Cabinet meeting | N/A |
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

Petitions Presented at Council Meetings

Parking Zone E

The petition was submitted by Katherine Parsons, Councillor Shaz Nawaz and Councillor Joseph on 6 March 2019. The petition contained 54 valid signatures and called on the Council "the current permit system be reviewed".

The Assistant Director – Public Protection responded:

"Thank you for your recent petition. We really welcome your feedback as it helps to shape the future of not only the online system but our patrol strategies.

In relation to your request for increased enforcement, our Parking Officers have responsibility for the whole city and need to balance their time between areas. This means that they cannot focus just on Zone E, but I can offer you reassurance that this is a priority area and it does receive a high level of attention.

There has actually been more patrols in Zone E in the 12 months following the introduction of the online permit system. More penalty charge notices have also been issued in zone E streets such as Henry Street, Granville Street, Huntly Grove, Princes Street, All Saints Road, Dogsthorpe Road and Park Road.

Despite these improvements, we do know there is a demand to maximise enforcement at off peak times and I am pleased to confirm that we are currently working to increase 7 -day coverage to help with this further.

Electronic permits were brought in to help make the system more efficient and easier for people to apply. Its introduction coincided with the closure of the Council Cash office and we are not able to revert to a paper system.

On the whole, the online system is proving very effective and it allows us to administer parking control at reduced cost to the public purse. It is, as described above, leading to more targeted and effective use of our enforcement teams and over time we think it will improve the situation in high demand areas. We do recognise that there have been some reliability issues with the software, but we work closely with the supplier to overcome these and we will continue to introduce improvements to increase ease of use.

I hope this answers your points satisfactorily.”

As this petition received over 54 signatures, the Lead Petition is entitled to ask for a debate at a Scrutiny Committee or Cabinet. Katherine Parsons has referred the matter for debate by Cabinet on 17 June 2019.

To Request a Pedestrian Crossing

The petition was submitted by Councillor Dennis Jones on behalf of Katia Yurgutene on 6 March 2019. The petition contained 100 valid signatures and called on the Council to install a “light control pedestrian crossing ... on Eastern Avenue.”

The Principle Transport Planning Officer responded:

“Thank you for submitting the petition. Road safety is a key consideration for the Council and we continue to invest time and resources into investigating and making road safety improvements.

As the police are investigating this particular incident so we are not able to discuss any of the details.

We will be receiving updated accident data from the police for the whole of the Peterborough area. We will then be undertaking a comprehensive review looking at this, historic accident data and speed data to see where road safety measures may be needed. Installing new pedestrian crossings will be one option that is looked into as part of this review and we would be happy to discuss the results once this exercise has been undertaken.

If there is anything you would like to discuss in the meantime please let us know and thank you for taking the time to organise the petition.”

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.

9. APPENDICES

9.1 None.

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