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| CABINET | AGENDA ITEM No. 10 |
| 23 SEPTEMBER 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 | |
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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 the 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 to Officers

Illegal Street Racing

The petition was submitted by Councillor Howell on 17 July 2019. The petition contained 207 valid signatures and called on the Council to "Prevent illegal street racing and drifting of cars on public and private roads in Peterborough".

The Assistant Director: Public Protection (Peterborough and Cambridgeshire) responded:

"Thank you for your recent petition requesting agencies work together to prevent illegal street racing and driving of cars on public and private roads in Peterborough."

In response to this, we met with yourself and Inspector Karl Secker to discuss the community concerns. In our meeting, we shared with you an update on the actions Police and ourselves are taking to help reduce this problem.

The Police currently have robust legislation in place to tackle this, including:

- *Powers under Road Traffic Act*
- *Powers under Public Order Act to prevent nuisance vehicle use*

Attached to these are powers to seize vehicles and put in place dispersal orders.

When we met, we discussed the prospect of introducing a Public Space Protection Order, but agreed that this would not enhance our ability to address this, given that the legislation provided it already robust and likely to lead to a stronger penalty.

As a result of our discussion, the Police have committed to utilise their existing powers, and since our meeting they have implemented several city-wide dispersal orders to tackle these offences. We believe this has had a positive effect over the summer and have reduced calls for service.

To assist the Police, we are helping to collate intelligence to inform police activity, and encourage residents to report all incidents through either via the force website or 101

I would be happy to meet with you at regular intervals to keep you updated of our efforts to address this.”

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.