

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
18 JANUARY 2021	PUBLIC REPORT

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OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS	
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 since the start of the 2020/2021 municipal.
- 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?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

Petitions Received by the Council

Anti-Social Behaviour Near Searjeant Street

The petition was submitted by Mohammed Haseeb on 21 October 2020. The petition contained 121 valid signatures and called for "firm, sustainable action to address the decline in our already densely populated neighbourhood with more visible presence from authorities and CCTV cameras on Searjeant Street to catch the offenders."

The Head Prevention and Enforcement Service responded:

"Thank you for submitting your recent petition which was presented at Full Council on the 21st October 2020.

Over the past few months the number of the joint patrols in the Millfield and surrounding area have increased, due to the council and police response in to the COVID pandemic. These daily patrols involve officers engaging with residents and local businesses, providing reassurance and the enforcement of COVID restrictions as well as other issues in the areas if required. These hi-visibility patrols will continue over the coming months across the area.

The issues, and concerns raised around anti-social behaviour were discussed at the Safer Peterborough Partnership Problem Solving Group on 4th November. Various agencies are represented on this group including the local authority, police and Cross Key Homes. This allows for a multi-agency coordinated response to address problems based on evidence and monitor outcomes of action taken. Due to the lack of evidence from all agencies, including calls for service, the group are unable to direct any additional resources to the area other than those already in place at the current time. However, this will be kept under review and monitored with the agreement from all agencies that if problems start to arise or calls for service increase, they report back to the group as a priority.

Installation of permanent CCTV cameras will only be considered if other partnership activity to respond and reduce ASB hasn't been effective. The introduction of CCTV requires careful planning and consideration and with that takes time to implement an effective surveillance system to areas of need that are currently not covered by the council's CCTV network of cameras. The use of CCTV also incurs a cost to the council and impacts on the privacy to the community so needs to be carefully considered against other options which may be just as effective. Therefore due to limited evidence, the request for additional CCTV in the area will not be progressed.

With regards to the concerns raised in relation to fly tipping, the Prevention and Enforcement Service have both covert and overt cameras which can be located at hot spot locations across Peterborough. These cameras assist in obtaining evidence to ensure enforcement action is undertaken against offenders. I have asked officers to investigate suitable locations in this area for the use of these temporary cameras for environmental enforcement purposes. I would also ask that residents continue to report any incidents through and if they witness someone fly tipping, to provide us with the information to allow officers to investigate.

A public consultation is due to commence at the start of December regarding the implementation and renewal of the Public Space Protection Order which covers the Millfield Area. Once this consultation launches I would encourage all residents, businesses and community groups to take part in the process.”

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.