

<b>CABINET</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
<b>23 JUNE 2021</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 Received by the Council**

#### Triple Lock Peterborough's Public Open Space

The petition was submitted by Nyree Ambarchian on 27 October 2020. The petition contained 104 valid signatures and called for the Council to "commit to 'triple lock' our public open space: 1. Extended consultation time - from 21 days to 42 days with two days added for each public holiday that falls during the consultation period. 2. Greater promotion of community consultation than is currently required, to include: A) Posting by the Council on local community social media and online notice boards on at least three separate occasions B) A press release issued by the Council to all local media and on the council's own website."

The Head of Planning responded:

“The Government has designed a consultation system for the planning system which caters for a wide range and scale of developments which include the redevelopment of areas of open space. As the Council follows the legislative requirements for publicity, it is considered that there is no need to make enhanced provision for letting people know about the applications. In addition, the government requires the council to determine applications in a timely way and measures our performance against the targets it sets. To have a longer consultation period would compromise our ability to meet the targets. Finally, planning applications, must be determined in accordance with planning policy and any other relevant planning considerations. The number of people for or against an application is therefore not a factor which can lawfully be taken into account.

I appreciate that you will be disappointed by our reply but I hope that I have explained the reason for our position on the matter.”

### Re-open the Ginton Surgery

The petition was submitted by Cllr John Holdich on 11 May 2021. The petition contained 205 valid signatures and called for “the council to Petition the Deeping Health Centre and Lincolnshire Health Authority to re-open the Ginton Surgery without further delay.”

The Acting Director for Public Health responded:

“The Ginton Surgery falls within Peterborough Unitary Authority's boundary and is a branch practice of the "Deepings Practice", which falls within Lincolnshire. The above petition was raised with the Director of Public Health for Lincolnshire and the Chief Executive of NHS Lincolnshire CCG.

The Ginton Surgery has been closed to standard patient appointments since the beginning of Lockdown in March 2020. This was in accordance with Government Guidelines but during this time it was used to house more clinically vulnerable staff to enable them to keep working in a supportive capacity, as a flexible cold site for the delivery of vaccinations and as a vaccination site.

NHS Lincolnshire CCG has informed us that Ginton Surgery re-opened on May 17th 2021, with a planned phased return of services. Additional information is available at the practice website.”

## **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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