

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 9
24 JANUARY 2024	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Interim Director of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer – Adesuwa Omoregie	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Howard, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Finance	
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PETITION FOR DEBATE ‘PCC TO KEEP OPEN EYE YOUTH CENTRE AND LIBRARY BUILDING’

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: <i>Interim Director of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer</i>	Deadline date: <i>N/A</i>
1. It is recommended that Council consider the petition in accordance with the Council’s Petition Scheme included at Appendix 1 and determine next steps.	

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 A petition has been received by the Council which contains more than 500 valid 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 the full Council has been triggered, in accordance with the Petition Scheme.

2. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 On 15 November 2023 a paper petition was received by the Council from Mr Dale McKean, which included eligible 648 signatures.

Subsequently, additional signatures were received, and the number of eligible signatures increased to 1517.

2.2 Mr McKean requested that the petition be debated at a meeting of Full Council, in accordance with the Petition Scheme.

2.3 The petition is titled ‘PCC to keep open Eye Youth Centre and Library Building’ and details are set out below:

“We call on the Council to not close Eye Youth Centre Building and use the grants available from the Governments £75M fund for Youth Clubs and Buildings Renovation to upgrade the building in time for the Councils reopening of Senior Youth Club by 2025. And for the continuation of the current Junior Youth Club, Brownies, Rainbows and Girl Guides use of the building along with the Library.”

3. DEBATE

- 3.1 The petition will be debated in accordance with section 8 of the Council's Petition Scheme.

The Lead Petitioner will have five minutes to present this petition and Members will then be invited to debate the request.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 4.1 N/A

5. APPENDICES

- 5.1 Appendix 1 – Peterborough City Council Petition Scheme