

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
7 FEBRUARY 2011	PUBLIC REPORT

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UPDATE - PETITIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM : Directors	
1. That Cabinet notes the action taken in respect of petitions presented to full Council.	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following the presentation of petitions to full Council.

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 in accordance with Standing Order 13 of the Council's Rules of Procedure.
- 2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.1 – 'to take collective responsibility for the delivery of all strategic Executive functions within the Council's Major Policy and Budget Framework and lead the Council's overall improvements programmes to deliver excellent services'.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO
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4. OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

4.1 **Petition objecting to a homeless hostel being moved into Church on the Rock at North Bretton:**

This petition was presented to full Council on 8 December 2010 by Councillor Nash.

The Neighbourhood Manager for North and West responded on 14 January 2011 stating that due to the expiring lease on the Manor House Street day centre venue, a search began for new premises approximately 18 months ago. Following comprehensive evaluations of potential new sites over this time, the Alpha Centre was identified by the Peterborough Streets team as the most suitable venue.

The response goes on to include the following issues that were considered when making the decision: Access to the Centre; Planning Consent (change of use not required); Alcohol and Drugs (forbidden at the day centre); Cross Keys Homes (has not indicated any opposition); and Heltwate school (possible impact on the pupils).

4.2 **Petition in support of the name change of Fletton Ward to Fletton and Woodston Ward**

This petition was presented to full Council on 8 December 2010 by Councillor Lee.

The council's Community Governance Manager responded on 7 January 2011 stating that details of the petition will be passed to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) along with all other representations when it considers the proposal to change the name of Fletton ward to Fletton and Woodston ward.

If the LGBCE gives its consent to the name change, the decision on whether or not to change the ward name is due to be considered at a specially convened meeting of full Council at 6.30pm on Wednesday 23 February. Details of the petition will also be presented at this meeting along with all other representations.

4.3 **Petition in support of the name change of Fletton Ward to Fletton and Woodston Ward**

This petition was presented to full Council on 8 December 2010 by Councillor Serluca.

The council's Community Governance Manager responded on 7 January 2011 stating that details of the petition will be passed to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) along with all other representations when it considers the proposal to change the name of Fletton ward to Fletton and Woodston ward.

If the LGBCE gives its consent to the name change, the decision on whether or not to change the ward name is due to be considered at a specially convened meeting of full Council at 6.30pm on Wednesday 23 February. Details of the petition will also be presented at this meeting along with all other representations.

4.4 **Petition for traffic calming measures around the Hempsted development**

This petition was presented to full Council on 8 December 2010 by Councillor Scott.

The council's Senior Engineer (Development) responded on 13 January 2011 and advised that the roads were still within the ownership of O&H Hampton, a speed survey would take place after April 2011 when it was anticipated that the roads would be placed on a maintenance period and any speed management measures would be implemented following this survey if necessary. The speed management measures would need to be in place before the road was officially adopted by the Council which was not expected to be until April 2012 at the earliest.

4.5 **Petition to get a parked car moved off the road at Wycliffe Grove**

This petition was presented to full Council on 8 December 2010 by Councillor Lane on behalf of Councillor John Fox.

The council's Strategic Regulatory Services Manager responded on 17 December 2010 advising that a Civil Enforcement Officer had visited the site but at that time the car in question was not there. A meeting has been arranged with Councillor Fox and relevant officers from the Police and Highways team to determine what action, if any, can be taken to address the concerns raised by residents.

4.6 **Petition against any further growth as proposed in the Site Allocations for Eye Village (Eye and Eye Green)**

This petition was presented to full Council on 8 December 2010 by Councillor Sanders.

The council's Planning Policy Manager responded on 6 January 2011 stating that at the meeting of full Council, the Site Allocations DPD was approved for consultation and submission to the secretary of state and included the sites outside the village envelope.

Cllr Sanders was further advised of the next steps in the approval process for the Site Allocations document so that he would know when and how he could continue his engagement with this process.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Standing Orders require that Council receive a report about the action taken on petitions. 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, prior to it being included within the Executive's report to full Council.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1 Any alternative options would require an amendment to the Council's Constitution to remove the requirement to report to Council.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no legal implications.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 8.1 Petitions presented to full Council and responses from officers.

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