



Scrutiny Board

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Report title	Schedule of Petitions	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Milkinderpal Jaspal, Governance	
Wards affected	All	
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Report to be/has been considered by		

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

1. Note actions taken in relation to all petitions received by the Council during the last municipal year.
2. Agree that the Board receive an annual report at the start of each municipal year detailing actions taken in relation to all petitions received by the Council.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To note the actions taken in relation to petitions received during the last municipal year attached at Appendix 1.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Following the recent review of the Council's Petitions Scheme, revised arrangements for the consideration of petitions received by the Council were agreed by Full Council at its meeting held on 9 November 2016.

3.0 Implementation and Monitoring of the Petitions Scheme

- 3.1 All petitions submitted to the Council are received and monitored by Democratic Services.
- 3.2 Following receipt, petitions will be forwarded to the relevant service which will confirm if the Council can do what the petition asks.
- 3.3 Petitions with fewer than 2499 signatures are considered and responded to by employees, within 28 days of receipt by the relevant service area. A summary of responses will be reported to the Scrutiny Board, the relevant Cabinet Member(s), Shadow Leader's office and, where appropriate, the relevant Ward Members.
- 3.4 Petitions with 2500-4999 signatures are Considered by the relevant scrutiny panel with recommendations made for action by employees or review by the Executive as appropriate.
- 3.5 Petitions with more than 5000 signatures are considered by Full Council.
- 3.6 As well as ensuring implementation of the Scheme, Democratic Services also monitor actions taken in response to petitions. It is suggested that the Scrutiny Board receive an annual report at the start of the municipal year presenting this information. This would ensure that the Board are informed of actions taken in relation to all petitions received by the Council, including those considered by other scrutiny bodies and Full Council.

5.0 Financial implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications associated with the report recommendations. It is also worth noting the new petition processes have been implemented at no additional cost utilising existing staffing resources. [GE/17052017/E]

6.0 Legal implications

- 6.1 The Petitions Scheme referred to in this report ensures that the Council meets its obligations under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act

2009 to have a mechanism for consideration of petitions from the public. [Legal Code: TS/17052017/Q]

7.0 Equalities implications

- 7.1 The proposals outlined in this report do not require an equalities analysis. The recommendations will not affect the Council's practice of encouraging, considering and responding to petitions.

8.0 Environmental implications

- 8.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

9.0 Human resources implications

- 9.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

10.0 Corporate landlord implications

- 10.1 There are no corporate landlord implications arising from this report.

11.0 Schedule of background papers

N/A