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PUBLIC PETITION

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1. NAME OF PRINCIPAL PETITIONER (If applicable, please specify the name of the organisation on whose behalf the petition is raised)
Mrs Usha Patel The Neighbourhood Wardens service
2. PETITION TITLE
Retain a Neighbourhood Warden service in Wolverhampton city.
3. PETITION TEXT
We the residents of Wolverhampton city are alarmed and distressed at the removal of the Neighbourhood Warden service that has worked tirelessly in the city for the last 13 years, we feel it will have a detrimental impact on the communities of Wolverhampton , we strongly URGE Wolverhampton city council to re-think the proposals, and retain some form of a service for the city.
4. ACTION TAKEN TO RESOLVE ISSUES OF CONCERN BEFORE SUBMITTING THE PETITION
The warden service has just undertaken a matrix exercise, where numbers were reduced from 30 to 18 wardens. At first we were informed it would be down to 15 and then it was increased to 18; this all took place in March 2014. The warden service was to undertake a restructure, but at the end of June 2014 nothing has been implemented, so we the residents feel a service that has just undergone a lengthy and costly process to help the council has been reduced to 18 and given the restructure. It has not even been given a chance to work as it has not been implemented. We feel that the city council has not given the service a fair chance to work, by its own guidelines (i.e.) the restructure has not been implemented and new service rolled out, so how do we know we are receiving a diluted service when it has not even been

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implemented??

5. PETITION BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Neighbourhood wardens are from all sectors of the Wolverhampton city and in February 2014 were informed of the reduction in the warden service, so residents and providers campaigned for the service to be retained in some format. We were told at first it would only keep 15 wardens (50% reduction), then it was changed to 18.


- We now find ourselves in a predicament where the city council want to delete the service completely.
- One of the comments being made is a "diluted service", we find these comments an insult.
- By reducing the numbers we the residents felt we would still get some form of service, but even before the restructure was started it is going to be deleted.
- The service originally started with 2 wardens and we believe due to the good works carried out over the last 13 years, has seen an increase in wardens as opposed to a decrease!!
- The service in itself is a valuable asset to the city of Wolverhampton and a vital link between residents and service providers, without this we believe most links will be lost as again, and trust issues which have been nurtured by the wardens will be lost and all the good work undone, and eventually become a cost implication to the City as the service carries out preventative and reactive measures to reduce crime and the fear of crime, antisocial behaviour etc. whilst building up community networks.
- These are some of the things the warden services excel at and we believe there are no other services that can carry out the many tasks the wardens do.
- The service also provides safety and reassurance to the residents, for example wardens were on hand when bogus callers were in a area they were reported and prevented possible crime taking place in Wolverhampton, wardens have recovered a loaded fire arm of the streets of Wolverhampton again only by the good links and relationships they had built up with their residents and indeed received the highest civilian award for finding and removing the fire arm making the streets a safer place.

This is just a snap shot of a service you are willing to delete at a moments notice and to a damaging effect for us the residents of Wolverhampton city. by retaining some service we believe when we are in a better position the city can increase the numbers once again but at least we have a service.

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STATEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE: Should the Committee consider it necessary, in order to broaden its understanding of the petition, it may invite a petitioner to appear before and give an oral presentation and answer question. Would you wish, if invited, to appear?		
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		NO <input type="checkbox"/>
SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL PETITIONER: When satisfied that your petition meets all the criteria outlined in the Petitions and E-Petitions Scheme, the principal petitioner should sign and date below.		
Signature		
Date	11/9/14	
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