

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES, ACCESS & DIVERSITY

**REVENUE BUDGET 2004/5 PROPOSALS**  
**OTHER REPRESENTATIONS**

**1. WARD/AREA BASED CROSS SERVICE PETITIONS / LETTERS RECEIVED**

In addition to the service specific representations received and which are the subject of reports to Cabinet by each of the Corporate Directors concerned, further petitions have been received. Two petitions are both Ward/area based and incorporate representations which are cross service. The representations contained therein therefore need to be considered by Members alongside the service specific representations. The petition contents are as follows:

- (i) "We, the undersigned, object to the proposed closure due to cuts by Leicester City Council of all voluntary projects in the Freeman's and Eyres Monsell area, being: Goldhill Adventure Playground, Saffron Resource Centre, Saffron Support for Elderly People, Recreational Transport."

**2266 signatures together with 211 associated letters of support**

(Presented to full Council at their meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2004 by Councillor Sandringham)

- (ii) "St Matthews Petition – Many of the services to the community on St Matthews are under threat, These include the What Cabin, the Tenants Association, the Sports Hall, the School Exclusion Project and the Elders Project. The loss of so many services will be a devastating blow to the Estate and will affect everyone living on St Matthews. Sign here to urge Leicester City Council to keep the services that we need for St Matthews."

**587 signatures.**

A further non-specific petition relating to proposed cuts in the voluntary sector was handed in via Voluntary Action Leicester on 18 February 2004 in the following terms:-

"Stop the Cuts – Save Services  
Ripping the Heats out of Local Communities

This petition brought by concerned members of the public, challenges Leicester City Council's proposals to cut voluntary groups by three and a half million pounds. Local services provided by the charity sector will be closed down as a result of this proposal and we, the undersigned, wish to register our objection."

**5,382 signatures**

**2. OTHER PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS**

In addition to the petitions which have been included in the Departmental Reports on Representations received and the above two petitions, two further petitions have been submitted by Members after the production of the Cabinet papers as follows:

(i) Councillor O'Brien

"We, the undersigned, users of Evington House, are concerned that this facility stay open and remain fully staffed. We urge Leicester City Council to allocate the necessary funds for doing this and to take no further decision regarding use of the hall without the fullest consultation with the Evington community."

**205 signatures.**

(ii) Councillor Mrs. Maw

"We, the members, users and local residents of Thurnby Lodge wish to sign this petition against the proposed cut of the grant to the Thurnby Lodge Youth and Adult Association, which provides much needed after school provision and a girls group for children aged 5 – 14 years living in the outer city area of Thurncourt Ward."

**133 signatures**

A further petition was also received on 18 February 2004, alongside the non-specific petition relating to voluntary sector cuts in the following terms:-

"Sop the Cuts – Save Services  
Save the Volunteer Centre

We the undersigned wish to register our objection to the Leicester Council's cut to VAL – Volunteer Centre. If this cut is implemented it will result in the closure of the Volunteer Centre."

**813 signatures**