

Leicester
City Council

SECOND DESPATCH

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2021

Further to the agenda for the above meeting which has already been circulated, please find attached the following:-

PETITIONS MONITORING REPORT

The Monitoring Officer submits a report that updates Members on the monitoring of outstanding petitions. The Committee is asked to note the current outstanding petitions and agree to remove those petitions marked 'Petitions Process Complete' from the report.

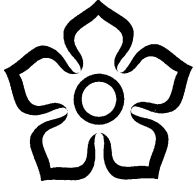
Please note the appendix to the report is now attached.

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WARDS AFFECTED
All Wards - Corporate Issue

FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:
Overview Select Committee

16 September 2021

Tracking of Petitions - Monitoring Report

Report of the Monitoring Officer

1. Purpose of Report

To provide Members with an update on the current status of responses to petitions against the Council's target of providing a formal response within 3 months of being referred to the Divisional Director.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the current status of outstanding petitions and to agree to remove those petitions marked 'Petition Process Complete' from the report.

3. Report

The Committee is responsible for monitoring the progress and outcomes of petitions received within the Council. An Exception Report, showing those petitions currently outstanding or for consideration at the current Overview Select Committee meeting is attached.

The Exception Report contains comments on the current progress on each of the petitions. The following colour scheme approved by the Committee is used to highlight progress and the report has now been re-arranged to list the petitions in their colour groups for ease of reference:

- **Red** – denotes those petitions for which a pro-forma has not been completed within three months of being referred to the Divisional Director.
- **Petition Process Complete** - denotes petitions for which a response pro-forma has sent to the relevant Scrutiny Commission Chair for comment, subsequently endorsed

by the Lead Executive Member and the Lead Petitioner and Ward Members informed of the response to the petition.

- **Green** – denotes petitions for which officers have proposed a recommendation in response to a petition, and a response pro-forma has been sent to the relevant Scrutiny Commission Chair for comment, before being endorsed by the Lead Executive Member.
- **Amber** – denotes petitions which are progressing within the prescribed timescales, or have provided clear reasoning for why the three-month deadline for completing the response pro-forma has elapsed.

In addition, all Divisional Directors have been asked to ensure that details of **all** petitions received direct into the Council (not just those formally accepted via a Council Meeting or similar) are passed to the Monitoring Officer for logging and inclusion on this monitoring schedule.

4. Financial, Legal and Other Implications

There are no legal, financial or other implications arising from this report.

5. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

The Council's current overall internal process for responding to petitions.

6. Consultations

Staff in all teams who are progressing outstanding petitions.

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Date Petition referred to Divisional Director	Received From	Subject	Type - Cncr (C) Public (P)	No. of Sig	Ward	Date Receipt Reported to Council (C) / Committee (Ctee)	Lead Divisional Director	Current Position	Scrutiny Chair Involvement	Date of Final Response Letter Sent to Lead Petitioner	Current Status	Ref. No.
11/03/2020	Brenda Worrall (on behalf of Leicester CND)	Petition asking the council to make Leicester a Nuclear Ban Community	(p)	96	City-wide	19/03/2020 (C)	Miranda Cannon / Kamal Adatia	Following a question on the topic raised by the petition, at full Council on 19 March 2020, the City Mayor confirmed that he intended to bring a motion to the Council seeking to resolve a clear position in relation to the global threat of nuclear weaponry and the particular developments referred to in the petition. Due to the current abeyance of Council meetings, it is not currently possible to indicate when that will be.	Proforma returned by the Scrutiny Chair		GREEN	20/03/01
25/02/2021	Rumena Rahman	Petition requesting resident parking for Rowsley Street	(p)	58	Stoneygate		Andrew L Smith	The city council has a prioritised three-year programme of works for several areas of the city which it considers suitable for investigation and subsequent consultation with residents on a residents' only parking scheme. The areas in the current programme are as follows; Clarendon Park, Aylestone Park, Woodgate, Tudor Road, St Matthews and Stoneygate (which includes the requested area). It is expected that the consultation on residents only parking in Stoneygate will be undertaken in 2022/23 financial year. Rowsley Street, Linton Street, Sawley Street are already highlighted and included as part of a future Stoneygate scheme. The 8 petitioners whose addresses are outside the proposed scheme boundary will be considered and placed on the database of requests for residents' parking and will be used in the decision making process to determine which areas have significant parking problems and where a consultation process will likely result in a positive outcome for residents' parking.	Proforma returned by the Scrutiny Chair	14/06/2021	PETITION COMPLETE	21/02/01
20/04/2021	Mrs Sabaia Khan	Petition re the purchase of allotment land to the rear of properties	(p)	14	Evington		John Leach	It can be demonstrated that there the plots are in use, and there is a strong demand at this site. Because of this and the associated legislation, the request for the sale of the allotment plots cannot be granted.	Proforma returned by the Scrutiny Chair	02/09/2021	PETITION COMPLETE	21/04/02
26/04/2021	Mr Altafbhai Sidat	Petition request to remove the 24 hour bus lane on Taylor Road.	(p)	75	Wycliffe		Andrew L Smith	A site visit was held with Ward Councillors on 9/7/21. A proforma has been prepared.			GREEN	21/04/03
04/06/2021	Residents of Cotton Close	Petition from residents in a sheltered housing complex experiencing anti-social behaviour, and a request for the removal of a gate	(p)	29	Rushey Mead		John Leach	A site visit was held on 23 June, and PA Housing and ward councillors consulted. It has been agreed with PA Housing to restart regular resident meetings at which CCTV can be discussed, consult on the gate with residents and for LFRS to make Fire Safety visits to offer fire safety advice and reassurance. A response received from Cllr Willmott was that the gate should remain. A proforma has been prepared.			GREEN	21/06/01

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09/07/2021	ClIr Pattick Kitterick	Petition requesting the Council establish a right of way across the Wyggeston & Queen Elizabeth I College	(c)	22	Castle		Andrew L Smith	The public do not enjoy a right of way across the path and the landowners can prevent access if they wish to do so. A user of the pathway has commenced a process outlined in section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (WCA81) to claim a public right of way following a period of prolonged use. Details of the claim and User Evidence Statement are on the Council's website. Users who signed the petition have also been asked to sign a User Evidence Statement each. Under the WCA81 the council has 12 months to make a determination on the claim based upon the evidence supplied by users, the landowners and any other documentary evidence which can be found. The Executive Member supports the legal process being undertaken. A proforma has been prepared.	Proforma sent to the Scrutiny Chair		GREEN	21/07/01
21/07/2021	Mahendra Modha	Petition asking or improvements on Rushey Mead Park - bins, toilets, lighting.	(p)	74	Rushey Mead		John Leach	The petition consists of three elements: lack of waste litter bins, lighting and lack of toilet provision. The location of bins on site has been reviewed and there are plans to replace single bins with double bins to increase capacity. A recent project was undertaken by Parks Services and Community Safety in partnership with Leicestershire Police to identify parks and open space sites with high crime rates for inclusion in a funding bid under the Safer Streets fund to receive resources. However, Rushey Fields did not fit the top ten sites for inclusion in the funding bid. To address reported ASB, a night time locking of the recreation grounds car park was introduced on 27 July 2021, supported by the local Police in an attempt to move people off site before dusk and would be monitored. There is current lighting at the recreation ground along the main footpath which is illuminated from Harrison Road to Gleneagles Walk and there are 25 lamp columns in total. There are no plans to light any other parts of the park which covers a large area. Lighting can have the effect of attracting people to an area and lead to more anti-social behaviour. The bowls pavilion at Rushey Fields Recreation Ground has recently become redundant. If the bowls pavilion were to be demolished, a new public toilet pvision could be built on this location if capital funding could be secured.			AMBER	21/07/02

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