



Leicester
City Council

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Standards Committee

13th January 2010

Petitions Process

Report of the Monitoring Officer

1. Purpose of Report

To inform Members of the process for dealing with Petitions from Councillors and the public as requested at the last meeting of the Standards Committee.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked to note the process.

3. Report

At its meeting in September 2009, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) agreed to amend the process for dealing with petitions submitted to the council. A significant part of OSMB meetings had been taken up with petitions monitoring and receipt of response reports on petitions, thus meaning time for scrutiny of other more substantial items was reduced.

OSMB agreed that the petitions would be referred to Task Group Leaders for their input and then referred back to OSMB if necessary, rather than as a matter of course.

The outcome of all petitions are now reported through the petitions monitoring process not later than the next but one meeting after the petition response has been finalised.

A copy of the process is attached as appendix 1 for members' information.

Members should note that the Department for Communities and Local Government has recently produced a consultation paper on petitions and the council will be responding to this separately "Listening to Communities: Consultation on draft statutory guidance on the duty to respond to petitions".

Any changes as a result of the consultation will be addressed through Full Council.

4. Legal and Financial Implications

None.

5. Report Author

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PROCESS FOR DEALING WITH PETITIONS

