

WARDS AFFECTED All Wards - Corporate Issue

FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS: Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

17 MARCH 2011

Tracking of Petitions - Monitoring Report

Report of the Director of Corporate Governance

1. Purpose of Report

To further update Members on the monitoring of outstanding petitions.

2. Report

Since its meeting on 13 March 2008, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board have been receiving information on petitions received within the Council to enable the Board to monitor their progress and outcomes.

An Exception Report, showing those petitions currently outstanding or for consideration at the current OSMB meeting, is attached.

Both the substantive list of petitions, with outcomes, along with the Exception Report, are lodged on the Council's Internet Site (Democracy Section), alongside associated current information which is also posted concerning guidance on the petition process.

Members will also note, that the schedule also contains a written representation of the current progress on each of the petitions. In summary, 'Green' denotes that the petition has been considered and responded to, 'Amber' denotes that the petition was being given consideration and work being undertaken on it before a final response and 'Red' denotes that the petition had not yet been given any detailed consideration.

In addition, following a systemic issue identified at the meeting of OSMB on 7 May 2009, all Divisional Directors have been asked to ensure that details of <u>all</u> petitions received direct into the Council (not just those formally accepted via a Council Meeting or similar) are passed to the Director of Corporate Governance for logging and inclusion on this monitoring schedule.

3. Recommendations

The Board is asked to note the current outstanding petitions.

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

None

6. Consultations

Staff in all teams who are progressing outstanding petitions.

7. Report Author

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