



Leicester
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COUNCIL

19th September 2013

PETITIONS FOR DEBATE BY FULL COUNCIL – ELDERLY PERSONS HOMES

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

1. INTRODUCTION

Three petitions have been received in relation to proposals regarding the Council's Elderly Persons Homes.

The Council's petitions scheme adopted in May 2010, states that any petition that receives over 1,500 signatures must be subject to a full debate at Full Council (unless it is a petition asking for a senior council officer to give evidence at a public meeting). None of the petitions submitted have strictly met this requirement, but in view of the level of public interest in this issue, the City Mayor has asked for a debate to take place.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Council is recommended to consider the petitions and make any recommendations to the Executive in accordance with the Petitions Scheme.

3. REPORT

Petitions have been received in the following terms:

1. Petition received by Mrs Pauline Haines and Mrs Cynthia Bromiley with 566 validated signatures submitted in the following terms (*Petition previously presented to Council on 27 June 2013*):

"We the undersigned wish to register our protest at the closure of the above (Nuffield House) home."

2. Petition received by Mr Paul Bromiley with 366 validated signatures submitted in the following terms (*Petition previously presented to Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission on 11 July*):

“This petition is being submitted by family, friends and a wider public who wish to protest against the proposed closure of Council Care Homes. The signees wish to inform the Council that they want the homes to stay open. The request is that it be referred to the Special Scrutiny Commission Meeting on 11 July 2013.”

3. Petition received by Miss Rinku Chandarana with 1470 validated signatures submitted in the following terms (75 signatures were also submitted after the petition had been formally received and acknowledged) (*Petition previously presented to Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission on 11 July*):

“We the undersigned petition Leicester City Council not to close Herrick Lodge Elderly Persons’ Home.”

The lead petitioners have been invited to speak on their petition for five minutes each to be followed by a Councillor debate for a maximum of 15 minutes.

Following the debate, the Council can decide how to respond to the petitions and may decide to:

- Recommend to the Executive to either take or not take the action the petition requests.
- Recommend to the Executive a different course of action as a result of the debate.
- Commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee.

Following the Council meeting the petition organisers will receive written confirmation of this decision.

Background

A report which details issues surrounding this petition is attached at Appendix A.

4. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

4.2 Legal Implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

4.3 Climate Change

There are no direct climate change implications arising from this report.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References Within the Report
Equal Opportunities	N	
Policy	N	
Sustainable and Environmental	N	
Crime and Disorder	N	
Human Rights Act	N	
Elderly/People on Low Income	Y	Throughout – the petitions relate solely to older people.
Corporate Parenting	N	
Health Inequalities Impact	N	

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None

7. CONSULTATIONS

None.

8. REPORT AUTHOR

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