

Croydon Council

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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 7 DECEMBER 2015
AGENDA ITEM NO:	8
SUBJECT:	PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS TO COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF CROYDON
LEAD OFFICER:	Julie Belvir, Director of Legal and Democratic Services
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: This report is prepared in keeping with paragraphs 3.17 to 3.20 of the Council Procedure Rules at Part 4A of the Constitution.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Council is asked to note the petitions presented by Councillors at the meeting and to agree to refer those petitions to Cabinet Members as indicated in paragraph 4 of the report.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 In accordance with Part 4A of the Council's Constitution, Members of the Council can present petitions to any ordinary meeting of the Council, with the exception of any meeting of the Council reserved for the setting of Council Tax.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Part 4A of the Constitution allows Councillors to present petitions to meetings of the Full Council.
- 3.2 The Constitution requires that a petition must contain "the signatures of at least 100 local people or 50% of the local people affected by the subject" in order to be presented at a Council meeting.

4. PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING

4.1 The Director of Legal and Democratic Services has received notice of the following petitions to be presented to this meeting of the Council:

- a) Petition presented by **Councillor Andrew Rendle** on behalf of residents living near Ashburton Park regarding the entry gate to Ashburton Park. "We the undersigned are very unhappy that large vehicles access the park via Tenterden Road as it causes disruption and damage to both Council and private property. We urge the council and its partners to upgrade the gates on the Lower Addiscombe Road so vehicles such as those operated by the fun fair can access the park."

Council is recommended to refer this petition to the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure & Sport

- b) Petition presented by **Councillor Paul Scott** on behalf of residents of South Norwood calling for proposed Thameslink service to stop at Norwood Junction station.

Council is recommended to refer this petition to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment.

- c) A petition presented by **Councillor Steve O'Connell** on behalf of the Chris Philip MP and residents of Coulsdon calling on the Council, 'asking them to plan properly for a new school in Coulsdon to cope with the influx of new families, rather than relying on the quick fix of expanding existing schools, which will compromise the quality of education and educational experience being provided for our children. Secondly we call on you to ask the council to improve the collaboration between their housing, education and other departments, so that the council does not keep on building more dwellings without providing the necessary facilities and infrastructure to cope.'

Council is recommended to refer this petition to the Cabinet Member for Homes, Regeneration and Planning and the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning.

5. NEXT STEPS

- 5.1 The Constitution requires that a response to each petition presented at this meeting will be submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the Council for questions.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None