

For General Release

REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 4 December 2017
SUBJECT:	MEMBER PETITIONS
LEAD OFFICER:	Stephen Rowan, Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: This report is prepared in keeping with paragraphs 3.26 to 3.31 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 as listed in paragraph four of the report.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 In accordance with Part 4A of the Council's Constitution up to three 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 up to three 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.
- 3.3 The full petition wording of each of the three Member petitions to be received will be included in the Council agenda (see paragraph four below). The Member petitions will be received but shall not be the subject of a debate or questions at that or a subsequent Council meeting.
- 3.4 Where possible, the Cabinet Member shall provide a response at the Council meeting at which the Member's petition is received. Where a response is not

provided at the meeting, a written response shall be provided within three weeks of the meeting.

4. PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING

4.1 The Monitoring Officer has received notice of the following petitions to be presented to this meeting of the Council:

a) Petition presented by **Councillor Clancy** on behalf of residents:

"Please stop the access restrictions coming into effect as of 4th September 2017 – Woodcote Primary School Coulsdon.

Parents, carers and residents were not consulted about this scheme before implementing this pilot. We find this scheme to be grossly unfair and as a collective punishment.

This areas demographics necessitates the use of cars due to lack of accessible transport. Croydon Council is insisting children from age 3 walk, cycle and catch a non existing bus service to Woodcote Primary School.

The Council also recommends parking on surrounding roads who have similar access, congestion and other safety issues. So therefore have placed a band aid on these roads and this will exacerbate existing complaints.

Will Cllr Stuart King provide us with a report which suggests this pilot scheme is plausible. Especially to Woodcote School who has zero safety breaches (no accidents) sustained on the restricted roads. Yet they must and should be trying to improve safety on Smitham Bottom and Woodcote Grove A237, which are in dire need of improvements.

So in effect pushing vulnerable children out of a safe zone and onto a unsafe main road.

Residents are also in disagreement as they do not wish to be restricted by permits to access their own homes.

We urge the council to immediately halt the pilot and invite residents and parents to have a discussion with aim to satisfying all parties where possible."

b) Petition presented by **Councillor Wentworth** on behalf of residents

"We call on Croydon Council to take urgent measures to deal with the high volume of traffic and speeding problems in Bradley Road, Moore Road and Woodend SE19."

c) Petition presented by **Councillor Flemming** on behalf of residents:

"We the undersigned residents of Green Lane and surrounding areas call upon the Council and partner agencies to provide the following:

- 1. A greater visible police presence.*
- 2. A permanent CCTV camera along Green Lane parade and surrounding side streets.*
- 3. Resurfacing of the Green Lane parade and provision of street furniture."*

5. NEXT STEPS

- 5.1 Where possible the Cabinet Member will respond to the petition at the meeting.
- 5.2 Where a more detailed response is required, a written response shall be provided within three weeks of the meeting.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None.