

Council Petitions Scheme

Council

Date: 6th April 2017

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 At the Annual Council meeting held on 21st May 2010, the Council formally adopted a Petition Scheme in accordance with the requirements of Sections 10 to 22 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act) and subsequent statutory guidance.
- 1.2 To report the receipt of a petition calling upon Swindon Borough Council to reinstate the crossing patrol officer for Hazelwood Academy, to keep pupils safe on their journey to school.” The petition contains 429 signatures and satisfies the requirement of the Council’s Petition Scheme for the matter to be presented to Full Council as a petition for debate.
- 1.3 Operating the Petition Scheme helps deliver the strategic corporate priority of working with people and families to help them fulfil their potential by developing public participation in decision-making.

2. Recommendations

Council is recommended to:

- 2.1 Hear from the Lead Petitioner (or representative) presenting the Petition calling on the Council to “reinstate the crossing patrol officer for Hazelwood Academy, to keep pupils safe on their journey to school”.
- 2.12 Consider the petition and the response to the petition from the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services and, following any debate, to determine any action to be taken in respect of that petition.

3. Detail

Petition – Crossing Patrol Officer for Hazelwood Academy

- 3.2 The Council has received a petition containing 429 signatures. The petition satisfies the requirement of the Petitions Scheme for the matter to be presented to Full Council as a petition for debate:

““We, the undersigned, call upon Swindon Borough Council to reinstate the

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crossing patrol officer for Hazelwood Academy, to keep pupils safe on their journey to school.”

Procedure

- 3.3 At the Annual Council meeting held on 21st May 2010, the Council resolved to adopt a petition scheme to apply to all petitions received by the Council.
- 3.4 The Council's Petitions Officer has determined that the Petitions set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report meets the requirements to be considered by the Council.
- 3.5 In accordance with the Scheme:
- 3.1.1 The petition organiser, or their appointed deputy, will be invited to address the meeting for up to 5 minutes on the subject of the petition.
- 3.1.2 The petition organiser will be notified of the outcome of the debate in writing and of any follow-up actions that are agreed by the meeting.
- 3.6 A copy of the petition is available for inspection by contacting Committee and Member Services.
- 3.7 The Lead Petitioner has been advised that the petition will be presented to the meeting of Council to be held on 6th April 2017 and has been invited to attend.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 No alternative options are proposed.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are none specific to this report. However, should the Council determine that action be taken in respect of this petition this will require a report to the Cabinet, Cabinet Member or relevant Committee and any Financial and Procurement Implications will need to be addressed in that report.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 Legal and human rights implications have been taken into account in the body of the report. Sections 10 to 22 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 and the Department for Communities and Local Government Statutory Guidance on Handling Petitions have been taken into account in the development of the Council's Petition Scheme.

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All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

5.3 None

Diversity Impact Assessment

5.4 No diversity impact assessments were undertaken.

Risk Management

5.5 None

6. Consultees

6.1 The Board Director, Resource (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

7.1 Petition.

7.2 Council Petition Scheme.

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Wording of Petition