

Croydon Council

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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 22 APRIL 2013
AGENDA ITEM NO:	9
SUBJECT:	RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL ON 28 JANUARY 2013
LEAD OFFICER:	Julie Belvir, Director of Democratic and Legal Services
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: This report is prepared in keeping with paragraph 3.22 of the Council Procedure Rules at Part 4A of the Constitution.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Council is asked to note the response to the petition presented by Councillors at its last ordinary meeting as detailed in paragraph 4 of the report.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report details Cabinet Member response to the petition presented to Council on 28 January 2013. All Members have the opportunity to ask questions on the responses to any of the petitions.

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 a response to that petition to be presented at this meeting.
- 3.3 A period of up to ten minutes is permitted for questions on the response to the petition.

4. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

- 4.1 Petitions presented to the Council meeting on 28 January 2013, and the relevant Cabinet Member response, as follows:

- 4.2 Petition presented by **Councillor Susan Winborn** on behalf of residents “As parents and carers of Park Hill Infant School children we request that the Council urgently act to ensure that permanent building works take place next summer (school holidays) 2013. For this to be possible we ask that the council ensures that a relevant planning application is lodged in January 2013,

Our recent expansion at the council's request from 2 form to 3 form entry has stretched our facilities to unacceptable levels which now endanger pupil health and safety. The old hutted classrooms in our school are no longer habitable for pupils and there has been recent flooding and damaged to these hutted classrooms. The newer temporary classrooms are also due to be replaced with permanent buildings.

We the undersigned want the Council to urgently follow through on its commitment with regard to permanent build without any more delay.”

- 4.3 **Response from Councillor Tim Pollard, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Learning.**

We share the view that the temporary classrooms should be replaced this summer and have been working with the school to achieve this. I understand that the concerned parents and carers who raised this petition are now aware of the progress that is being made.

In fact a Planning pre-application was lodged in November 2012 and active discussions with Planning officers resumed following a meeting at the school on 16 January at which the details of the works to be carried out were agreed. The pre-application process will ensure that when the formal planning application is submitted it should be approved. At present we remain on schedule to carry out the works in the summer break.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None.