

Croydon Council

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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 27 JANUARY 2014
AGENDA ITEM NO:	8
SUBJECT:	PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS TO COUNCIL
LEAD OFFICER:	Julie Belvir, Director of Democratic and Legal 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.
- 3.3 The Constitution further states that petitions presented to the Council will not be read out at the meeting and nor will the presenting Councillor be permitted to make a speech.

4. PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING

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

4.2 A petition presented by **Councillor Paul Scott** on behalf of residents: opposed to the secondary school build at the Arena site.

4.3 Council is recommended to refer this petition to the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Learning.

A petition presented by **Councillor Simon Hall** and **Councillor Carole Bonner** on behalf of residents: "We, the undersigned, wish to see the numbers of local police in Fieldway and New Addington increased, and with higher visibility, so as to tackle the real issues facing our community. Further, especially in the light of the arson at the Co-Op during the riots and the Gary Hayward tragedy, not to mention the need to make Central Parade feel safer so that more people feel safe to shop there, we call on the Council to improve the CCTV in the Central Parade area as a matter of urgency, including by using some of the post-riot money allocated."

4.4 Council is recommended to refer this petition to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection.

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