

Croydon Council

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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 24 MARCH 2014
AGENDA ITEM NO:	9
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: South Norwood Hill Children's Centre

The Cypress school governors have decided to close the South Norwood Hill Children's Centre, which is based on their site, but was purpose built.

This petition is calling on the school, and the local authority, to reconsider this decision, and to fight to continue running all the services currently provided at the centre, at no cost to families who use those services.

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

4.4 A petition presented by **Councillor Manju Shahul-Hameed** or behalf of residents, "We, the residents of Handcroft Road estate and surrounding area would like more police presence and CCTV cameras in the estate to reduce the burglary and anti social behaviour. We would also like to have a police station in London Road, West Croydon to tackle the increase in crime and anti-social behaviour.

4.5 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