

Croydon Council

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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 20 JULY 2015
AGENDA ITEM NO:	7
SUBJECT:	PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS TO COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF CROYDON
LEAD OFFICER:	Julie Belvir, Director of Legal and Democratic 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.

4. PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING

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

- a) A petition presented by **Councillor Emily Benn** on behalf of residents: “We the undersigned, request the provision of controlled residents parking in the following roads – Canterbury Road/ Lancing Road/Donald Road/ Wortley Road/ Boston Road/ Stanley Road/ York Road/ Marden Road/ Marden Crescent”.

Council is recommended to refer this petition to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment

- b) A petition presented by **Councillor Maddie Henson** on behalf of residents: “Petition summary and background: Reinstate the Lollipop Lady at the Long Lane Crossing by Woodside Fire Station - Action petitioned for: We, the undersigned, are concerned parents who urge Croydon Council to reinstate a lollipop lady to ensure the safety of our children”.

Council is recommended to refer this petition to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment

- c) A petition presented by **Councillor Joy Prince** on behalf of residents:

“CROYDON FAITH EDUCATION RESOURCES (CFER) FUNDING 2015

The diversity of Croydon as a borough is a positive feature if the harmony of its population is clear to see, if it becomes a source for division because mistrust and misunderstanding creeps in, then major issues of dislike, racism and disorder could easily follow.

CFER provides a facility for harmonious understanding of faith/culture issues to the wider population by running support courses for teaching staff and community groups and interaction with chaplaincy services, faith groups of all beliefs, council staff and others. The 22,000 items of teaching materials, DVDs, books, reference materials, posters, display items, and artefacts are a valuable resource which needs to be retained in the borough.

Should the centre be forced to close, it would be unlikely to re-open and that's an opportunity that would be lost.

We the undersigned call upon the Council to continue funding CFER at the excellent value of £40k per year. “

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

- d) A petition presented by **Councillor Stuart Collins** on behalf of residents: " We the residents of Hathaway Road ask that the Council consider making Hathaway Road a one way Road and that the Council starts the consultation process asap"

Council is recommended to refer this petition to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment

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