

For General Release

REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 30 JANUARY 2017
AGENDA ITEM NO:	7
SUBJECT:	MEMBER PETITIONS
LEAD OFFICER:	Stephen Rowan, Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: This report is prepared in keeping with paragraphs 3.26 to 3.31 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 as listed in paragraph four of the report.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 In accordance with Part 4A of the Council’s Constitution up to three 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 up to three 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 full petition wording of each of the three Member petitions to be received will be included in the Council agenda (see paragraph four below). The Member petitions will be received but shall not be the subject of a debate or questions at that or a subsequent Council meeting.

3.4 Where possible, the Cabinet Member shall provide a response at the Council meeting at which the Member's petition is received. Where a response is not provided at the meeting, a written response shall be provided within three weeks of the meeting.

4. PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING

4.1 The Acting Council Solicitor has received notice of the following petitions to be presented to this meeting of the Council:

a) Petition presented by **Councillor Sean Fitzsimons** on behalf of residents:

"We the undersigned request that Croydon Council reviews and actions changes, in the short term to reduce the high levels of non local traffic using Addiscombe Court Road and Tunstall Road as a rat run, caused by their recent changes in making Lebanon Road one way. In order to return our residential roads to pre-change levels of traffic and to remove the potential risks associated with traffic overtaking and cutting across the Trams into Addiscombe Court Road.

We also request that these issues are brought before the Traffic Management Committee at the next available meeting and that all decisions and options are discussed openly and fully with ALL residents in the surrounding area not just those requesting the change."

b) Petition presented by **Councillor Jane Avis** on behalf of residents:

"We the undersigned have serious concerns about the speed of vehicles on South Norwood Hill and also the removal of the lighting at the pedestrian refuge close to the bus stops on South Norwood Hill.

There have recently been some serious accidents on the stretch of South Norwood Hill between Whitehorse Lane and South Norwood High Street and it is our contention that a fatal accident is very likely. We suggest that a speed camera, similar to the one near the top of South Norwood Hill, be installed to address the speed issue.

We further suggest that those pedestrian refuges on this part of South Norwood Hill be properly lit."

5. NEXT STEPS

5.1 Where possible the Cabinet Member will respond to the petition at the meeting.

5.2 Where a more detailed response is required, a written response shall be provided within three weeks of the meeting.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None.