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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL
	26 JUNE 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 Monitoring Officer has received notice of the following petitions to be presented to this meeting of the Council:

a) Petition presented by **Councillor Shafi Khan** on behalf of residents:

"We the undersigned residents call upon the Council to allow Towndate Property Management (a residents' company comprising 12 households, responsible for the maintenance of the common parts of 16-18 Arnull's Road, SW16 3EP) to purchase the piece of land owned by the Council which reaches 5 metres inside the entrance to the private close. The houses in the close have no front gardens, and recently have been shown to be vulnerable to youths on mopeds, who have both committed and attempted theft, and have attacked a resident. At present it is not possible to attach gates to the brick pillars at the entrance to the close, because the land residents own starts 5m further into the close."

b) Petition presented by **Councillor Vidhi Mohan** on behalf of residents

"We the undersigned, residents of Fellmongers Yard in Croydon, have very serious concerns around fly tipping, security and general cleanliness on our street. We therefore request Croydon council consider taking the following steps to help mitigate these concerns and issues:

1. *Install a security gate at the entrance of Fellmongers Yard, with access restricted to residents and emergency services only. Certain market traders on Surrey Streets will require day time access, and this can also be provided.*
2. *Ensure that the Council's plans for Sunday and night time trading on Surrey Street does not restrict access to those delivering goods, parcels and services to residents of Fellmongers Yard.*
3. *Install public toilets on Surrey Streets, to prevent the pavements on Fellmongers Yard from being used as a public toilet, as is currently done"*

c) Petition presented by **Councillor Joy Prince** on behalf of residents:

"We, the petitioners below, call upon Croydon council to alter controlled parking hours so as to improve local residents' access to parking spaces in Bourne Street and Lower Church Street."

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.