

REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 8 October 2018
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 Pelling** on behalf of residents:

“Grindall Close Petition

We the tenants of Grindall Close have written this petition to ask for three more parking bays, so that each property will have one of its own, (two for number 5, with two rooms, tenants and cars) and conflicts between us as neighbours can cease. Parking is essential for all of us we all have a variety of complex mobility issues and live at the bottom of the hill. Access to a car nearby is a lifeline for us. We ask that they not interfere with the access bay we already have, and are clearly marked for each household. We also ask that they are not positioned where they will increase noise or pollution, as small stresses like these can have sever impacts on the physical and mental wellbeing of disabled people like ourselves.”

b) Petition presented by **Councillor Clancy** on behalf of residents

“Petition to Croydon Council regarding the New Wheelie Bins (Magpie Close & Lodge & Part Ashbourne)

We, the undersigned, wish to register our objections to the new wheelie bins on the estate where we live (Ashdown Park in Coulsdon). The houses all have small frontages and they do not have the facilities for storing 2 large bins, one medium sized bin and a food caddy in a discreet way. While you state that the houses have the necessary space at the front, this space belongs to the houseowners and should be used in accordance with their wishes. In the 2005, the estate was granted an exemption from the Council’s requirement for landfill collections to be from medium sized wheelie bins, as these would not fit inside the bin cupboards.

These cupboards are small and integrated with the buildings. When the additional recycling bins were added to the bins, they were modest in size, could be stacked and were easier to conceal. The new requirement will mean that they will generally be very difficult to hide and are likely to become an eyesore. All the houses on the estate have covenants that the associated grounds be maintained in a good and tidy condition, and the front gardens be open plan, the latter making it more difficult to store them out of sight. All owners of the property and land on the estate are beneficiaries to the covenants. We request that a solution for collecting waste be found which leaves the frontages of the properties as clear of visible bins as possible.”

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.