

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b> <b>15 JULY 2019</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>THE CROYDON DEBATE</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>Jacqueline Harris Baker,</b> <b>Executive Director Resources &amp; Monitoring Officer</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:</b> This report is prepared in keeping with paragraphs 3.11 to 3.13.6 of the Council Procedure Rules at Part 4A of the Constitution.	

## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 In accordance with Part 4A of the Council's Constitution one borough-wide petition and one local petition can be debated under the Croydon Debate item. A Borough-wide Petition was received and the wording is presented below at para 2.1 in the body of this report.

## **2. BOROUGH PETITION**

- 2.1 A Borough-wide Petition was received by the Monitoring Officer as follows: *"We the undersigned call on Croydon Council to: stop destroying family homes and pursue a Brownfield First policy; and introduce Area Planning Committees in Croydon for developments under 50 units"*.

As required by the Constitution, in order to be valid, it was reviewed in accordance with the provisions detailed in Part 4A, paras 3.12.6 – 3.12.8. It was determined that some wording of the original petition was invalid due to lack of material accuracy (Part 4A, para 3.12.6a) and having been debated by Council in the previous six months (Part 4A, para 3.12.8). It was therefore ruled that the permitted wording of the petition that could be debated is as detailed below:

***"We the undersigned call on Croydon Council to pursue a Brownfield First policy."***

- 2.2 The rules for debate for a Borough Petition are set out in paragraph 3.13.5(b) and are set out below:
- i. The Lead Petitioner or their representative may address the Council on the Petition for up to three minutes from the public gallery;
  - ii. A member of the Majority Group may then speak for up to three minutes;

- iii. A member of the Opposition Group may then speak for up to three minutes;
- iv. A second member from the Majority Group may address the Council for up to three minutes;
- v. A second member of the Opposition Group may address the Council for up to three minutes;
- vi. The Lead Petitioner or their representative may address the Council for a further three minutes;
- vii. A member of the Majority Group may then make a final response for up to one minute and summarise the next steps to be taken in the matter;
- viii. No further debate shall take place on the Borough Petition thereafter.

2.3 After the procedural steps stated in paragraph 2.2 have been completed, there shall be no further debate and no vote taken.

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:** None