

## Committee: Council

Date: 21 November 2018

## Subject: Petitions

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### Recommendation:

1. That Council receive petitions (if any) in accordance with Part 4A, paragraph 18.1 of the Council's Constitution.
  2. That Council notes the responses provided to the petitions submitted at the meeting held on 21 November 2018.
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## 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report invites Council to receive petitions in accordance with Part 4A, paragraph 18.1 of the Council's Constitution.

## 2 DETAILS

- 2.1. At the meeting held on 12 September 2018, the petitions listed below were submitted and the responses are set out below. Any petitions received by Council are referred to respective departments with responsible officers asked to advise the presenting member in each case of the way in which the petition is to be progressed.
- 2.2. A petition was submitted by Councillor David Dean on Planning Application 18/P2619.

### Officer Response

- 2.3 "Thank you for the submitted petition regarding application reference no. 18/P2619, (Edna Rd/Bushey Rd). In addition to this response, the petition will be acknowledged as part of the planning consultation process. The views expressed in the petition will be considered as part of the assessment of the planning application."

- 2.4 A petition was submitted by Councillor Daniel Holden on Wheelie Bins

### Officer Response

- 2.5 "In July 2016 Cabinet took the decision to appoint Veolia as our street cleansing and waste collection contractor. As part of this decision it was agreed that we would introduce a wheelie bin service in October 2018. Households will continue to receive weekly collections, with two collections (food and recycling) one week and three collections (food, recycling and general waste) on alternate weeks. Each household will be provided with, one wheelie bin for non-recyclable household waste along with a wheelie bin for paper and card; they will continue to use their existing recycling box for plastics, glass and cans.

There are some dwellings where wheeled bins simply won't work and we have not included them in the rollout. This includes Purpose built blocks of flats where there are communal waste storage arrangements as well as flats above shops where there is no storage space for wheeled bins. There are also some traditional houses where wheeled bins are not appropriate and we will arrange an alternate collection method. This includes properties where the front garden is too small to allow bins to be stored and/or where it is not reasonably practicable to move the bins to a collection point. Or where there are steps or steep slopes that make the storage or collection of bins impractical or unsafe.”

- 2.6 Members are invited to present petitions at this meeting, and a response will be provided to the next ordinary Council meeting in February 2019.

### **3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 3.1. None for the purposes of this report.

### **4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

- 4.1. None for the purpose of this report.

### **5 TIMETABLE**

- 5.1. None for the purpose of this report.

### **6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. None for the purpose of this report.

### **7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. None for the purpose of this report.

### **8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. None for the purpose of this report.

### **9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. None for the purpose of this report.

### **10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

### **11 APPENDICES**

- 11.1. None

### **12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 12.1. None.