

Committee: Council

Date: 15 September 2021

Subject: Petitions

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Lead member: Leader of the Council, Councillor Mark Allison

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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 7 July 2021.
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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 7 July 2021, 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.

A petition was submitted by Councillor Macauley on the Litter and Flytipping in Lavender Fields

Officer Response

We have been handling a sustained increase in the volume of fly-tipped waste incidents across the borough which is blighting our communities. The waste deposited damages our environment and our enjoyment of our neighbourhoods is diminished. Unfortunately, fly-tipping has become a common form of anti-social behaviour which constitutes a criminal offence.

In order to address these concerns it is recognised that a 'Cleaner Merton' programme needs to be undertaken. The fly-tip strategy and supporting action plan is one element of the wider programme which places focused attention through specific actions to improve outcomes in this specific area.

In order to better understand the nature of the issues which have been raised in the petition, I am pleased to note that in conjunction with the Lead Cabinet Member and Council officers we have been able to meet in person with representatives from the petition and have identified a number of work streams

which we hope will start to see a sustainable improvement in and around the area of Brangwyn Close and Willow View.

A Petition was submitted by Councillor Barlow on Wimbledon Farmers Market.

Officer Response

Thank you for sharing with us the petition in support of the Wimbledon Village Farmers Market.

The Highway arrangements to enable the Market to relocate on-street have been introduced under an experimental traffic order. The Council is now collating feedback on the traffic order consultation and will also include the petition as evidence of support.

The council will be making a decision on whether to amend, remove or make permanent, the highway arrangements for the Market in autumn this year.

The RSP Licensing team are working closely with Merton Highways to ensure we are in step with future traffic orders and the successful operation of Wimbledon Village Sunday Market.

A Petition was submitted by Councillor McLean on West Barnes Rubbish and Flytipping

Officer Response

We acknowledge the concerns raised by the West Barnes and Motspur Park Village residents. The waste collection service provided by our service provider, Veolia has been designed to maintain the curtilage collection approach rather than a kerbside collection system. This is to ensure that our pavements are kept clear of refuse containers restricting access for pushchair / wheelchair users. This requires householders to set out waste bins within the confines of their property as close to the edge as possible.

We have ensured that this area is reviewed and the crews monitored to ensure high collection standards are maintained.

In regards to the commercial bins we will be contacting the business and managing agents to ensure that these bins are removed from the highway.

- 2.2 Members are invited to present petitions at this meeting, and a response will be provided to the next ordinary Council meeting in November 2021.

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.

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