

Petitions

21. Statutory petitions

22. The council has adopted a statutory Petition Scheme as required by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009. The council's ~~Petition Scheme for dealing with statutory petitions~~ which is set out in Part 4A of this Constitution. This sets out the purpose of a petition, the eligibility criteria and relevant thresholds for making petitions, the procedure and review mechanisms.

24. Discretionary petitions

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26. The council has the discretion to consider the appropriate action for petitions:

27. particularly where they do not meet the requirements of the statutory Petition

28. Under the council's Statutory Petition Scheme, the following thresholds will apply

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30. For discussion at an area board, signatures of 2.5% of the population of the area board's area (see map appended to Petition Scheme)

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32. For an officer to be called to give evidence at the appropriate select committee, 5,750 or more signatures

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34. For a formal debate at Full Council, 11,500 or more signatures

35. All petitions which do not meet the requirements of the statutory Petition Scheme may be sent to the proper officer [director of resources]. This will include any petition with more than 2 signatures but less than 11,500 signatures, which does not meet the threshold for consideration at an area board or a select committee. The [director of resources] proper officer in consultation with the appropriate Chairman or cabinet member will determine whether the petition should be referred for discussion or debate to the Cabinet, Council or the appropriate Area Board.

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~~21. — Where a petition is to be considered by Full Council, 10 clear working days notice is
36. — required.~~

~~37. — A petition which is to be considered by Full Council can be presented by the
petitioner or the local Councillor with their agreement. The petition organiser or first person
named on the petition will be allowed up to 5 minutes to present the petition.~~

~~38. — The council may deal with each petition as it sees fit (i.e. seek a report to a future
meeting or refer it to another forum for consideration).~~

~~39. — All petitions must contain a clear and concise statement covering the purpose of the
petition and what the council is being asked to do and must not be vexatious, abusive or
otherwise inappropriate (as defined in the Petition Scheme at Part 4A).~~

~~40. — There is a right to request a review of the way that the council handled a petition.~~

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