

**Corporate Overview and  
Scrutiny Management Board**

**18 March 2019**



**Update in relation to Petitions**

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**Report of Corporate Management Team**

**Helen Lynch, Head of Legal and Democratic Services**

**Electoral division(s) affected:**

Countywide.

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide for information the quarterly update in relation to the current situation regarding various petitions received by the Authority.

**Recommendation(s)**

- 2 Members are requested to note the update report on the status of petitions and e-petitions received by the Authority.

**Background**

- 3 Following the introduction of The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, the administration of the petitions process was passed to Democratic Services.
- 4 Overview and Scrutiny Management Board have received update reports on petitions since September 2008, and this function has now passed to the new committee.
- 5 From the 15 December 2010, the Authority has provided a facility for members of the public to submit e-petitions on the Council's website.

**Current Notice of Key Decisions**

- 6 Since the last update four e-petitions have been submitted, two of which were rejected. One contained personal and sensitive information and the other did not have the required number of signatures. We hosted two e-petitions relating to the County Durham Plan and final numbers

have been passed to the appropriate service to consider as part of a consultation.

- 7 In addition, two new paper petitions have been submitted, one of which has now closed. A list giving details and current status of all active petitions is attached as Appendix 2 to the report.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

None.

### **Finance**

None.

### **Consultation**

Petitions which refer to a consultation exercise are reported to committee for information and forwarded to the relevant officer for consideration

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

None.

### **Human Rights**

None.

### **Crime and Disorder**

None.

### **Staffing**

None.

### **Accommodation**

None.

### **Risk**

None.

### **Procurement**

None.