

**Update in relation to Petitions**

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**Report of Corporate Management Team**

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**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 all of the petitions that have been received by the Authority are processed by democratic services in line with its petitions process.
- 4 The Board have received update reports on petitions since September 2008.
- 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 Petitions**

- 6 Since the last update five new e-petitions have been submitted, one has completed, three were not valid as one received no signatures, one related to other procedures, and one was similar to a petition received within a 12 month period. The remaining petition is currently live on the website collecting signatures.

- 7 Two new paper petitions have been submitted, one was rejected as did not meet the criteria however the service have responded directly to the petitioner. The other is awaiting a response from the service. 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.

### **Climate Change**

None.

### **Human Rights**

None.

### **Crime and Disorder**

None.

### **Staffing**

None.

### **Accommodation**

None.

### **Risk**

None.

### **Procurement**

None.