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Update in relation to Petitions

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Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board with the quarterly update in relation to the current situation regarding various petitions received by the Authority.

Background

2. Following the introduction of The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, the administration of the petitions process was passed to Democratic Services.
 - 2.1 Overview and Scrutiny Management Board have received update reports on petitions since September 2008, and this function has now passed to the new committee.
 - 2.2 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 Position

3. Since the last update 6 e-petitions have been submitted. Of these, 2 did not qualify under the Council's Petition Scheme as both fell outside of the scope of the local authorities responsibilities. 1 has closed for signatures and a response from the service has been requested. There are currently 3 e-petitions live on the website collecting signatures.
 - 3.1 In addition, 2 new paper petitions have been submitted and have both completed the petition process. A list giving details and current status of all active petitions is attached as Appendix 2 to the report.

Recommendation

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

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance : None

Staffing: None

Risk: None

Equality and Diversity/ Public Sector Equality Duty: None

Accommodation: None

Crime and Disorder: None

Human Rights: None

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

Procurement: None

Disability Issues: None

Legal Implications: None