

## **Committee: Council**

**Date: 6 April 2016**

**Subject: Petitions**

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**Recommendation:** That Council

- 1) receives petitions (if any) in accordance with Part 4A, paragraph 18.1 of the Council's Constitution; and
  - 2) note the response given by officers in respect of the petitions presented to the 3 February 2016 Council meeting.
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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 3 February 2016, Council received two petitions as detailed 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.

- 2.2. Petition – '*On Rowan Road Traffic Consultation*' submitted by Councillor Brenda Fraser.

In response to the petition officers confirmed that Rowan Road had been added to our list for analysis. The feedback will be analysed and a decision regarding the next course of action, if any, will be made and you will be informed accordingly. Please note that due to the current programme and available resource, no assessment will be made until after June 2016 at the earliest.

- 2.3 Petition – 'Save Merton Bowls club' submitted by Councillor Gilli Lewis-Lavender.

In response to the petition officers has met with representatives of the bowls club to discuss the future of the bowling green at Joseph Hood Recreation Ground, the current home location of the club.

The bowls club has agreed, as a consequence, to pursue a self-management model for the green, and, with some transitional support in kind from the Council, the green will continue to operate during the forthcoming 2016 bowls season.

The Council has been encouraging this management model to its local bowls clubs for a number of years and therefore welcomes the fact that Merton Bowls Club is now actively pursuing this opportunity.

### **3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

3.1. None for the purpose 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.