

Committee: Council

Date: 12 September 2018

Subject: Petitions

Lead officer: Paul Evans, Assistant Director, Corporate Governance.

Lead member: Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Alambritis.

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Recommendation:

1. That Council receive petitions (if any) in accordance with Part 4A, paragraph 18.1 of the Council's Constitution.
 2. That Council notes the responses provided to the petitions submitted at the meeting held on 4 July 2018.
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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 4 July 2018, the petitions listed below were submitted and the responses are set out 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. A petition was submitted by Councillor David Dean on Planning Application 18/P224 162-164 Hartfield Road.

Officer Response

- 2.3 The petition was received and was considered as part of the committee report on the planning application. The planning application was considered by the Planning Applications Committee on 23 August 2018 and the minutes of that meeting will be published on the Council's website here <https://merton.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=155&MId=3101&Ver=4>.

- 2.4 A petition was submitted by Councillor Hina Bokhari on plans to charge Little League for use of Sir Joseph Hood Playing Fields.

Officer Response

- 2.5 The matter of fees and charges for the borough's Little Leagues was considered at Council on 4th July 2018. The Council re-iterated their continuing support for the Little Leagues at that time, but the principle that they pay reasonable charges was carried.

The Council has committed to ensuring that the Little Leagues continue to use Merton's parks, that charges are clear and reasonable and that the services are captured within a Service Level Agreement with our contractor, idverde.

The Council has also offered support in respect of identifying and securing sponsorship opportunities. Such support could be delivered directly or indirectly through idverde or other partners.

- 2.6 Members are invited to present petitions at this meeting, and a response will be provided to the next ordinary Council meeting in November 2018.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. None for the purposes 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.