

Committee: Council

Date: 2 April 2014

Subject: Petitions

Lead officer: Paul Evans, Assistant Director, Corporate Governance

Lead member: The Leader of the Council

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Recommendations: That Council

- (1) receives petitions (if any) in accordance with Part 4A, paragraph 18.1 of the Council's Constitution; and
 - (2) notes the advice given by officers in respect of the petitions presented to the 5 February 2014 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; and asks council to note the advice provided by officers to Councillors presenting petitions on behalf of residents.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. At the meeting held on 5 February 2014, Council received the petitions detailed below. 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. 'Zebra crossing on Grove Road CR4, opposite Acacia Centre'
This petition was presented by Councillor Brenda Fraser. Officers have confirmed that the request has been added to their work programme to investigate within the new financial year 2014/15. Proposals will be drawn up after the investigation and feasibility studies have been carried out.
- 2.3. 'A pedestrian crossing for Martin Way'
This petition was presented by Councillor Logie Lohendran. Officers have confirmed that the request has been added to their work programme to investigate within the new financial year 2014/15. Proposals will be drawn up after the investigation and feasibility studies have been carried out.
- 2.4. 'Save our side roads from gridlock'

This petition was presented by Councillor David Dean. Officers have provided the following response to the petition:

‘On 10th March 2014 the Mayor of London announced the 3 boroughs that had been successful in securing full mini Hollands status: Kingston, Waltham Forest and Enfield.

Whilst Merton has not be selected for full mini Hollands status, the borough submission has drawn praise from the Mayor’s Cycling Commissioner and the council will remain part of the mini Hollands programme moving forward. The commitment has also been made that public funds will be provided to deliver some of the schemes included in the bid. Discussions with the Cycling Commission and Transport for London regarding the precise level of funding that Merton will receive are currently ongoing.

It is important to emphasise that the borough is only at the conclusion of the bidding stage for the monies and any of the projects taken forward as part of the mini Hollands programme will be subject to detailed design, testing and consultation with residents and other groups to ensure that the proposals work (from a technical perspective) and are supported.’

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.

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