

## **Committee: Council**

**Date: 8 June 2015**

**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 15 April 2015 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 15 April 2015, Council received the petition 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 'Costa Coffee Planning application - Stop the planning form going ahead,' submitted by Councillor Linda Taylor.*

Unfortunately a mistake was made by the Democratic Services team in not processing this petition fast enough, due to lack of appreciation of its time sensitive nature. The petition took the form of an objection to an on-going planning application, whose deadline was the Friday immediately following the Council meeting (i.e. two days later). Regrettably the petition did not reach the planning service, via the Directorate until the following Wednesday (22 April 2015), which meant the decision had already been made on the application before the petition was received.

As a result of this issue an improved process has been adopted within the Democratic Services team to ensure that any petition received at Council will be passed across to the appropriate Directorate the day after it is received. Apologies have been sent in respect of the mistake made on this petition.

## **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.