

Committee: Council

Date: 9 September 2015

Subject: Petitions

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

Lead member: Leader of the Council, Stephen Alambritis.

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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 8 June 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 8 June 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 - *'To ask officers for re-appraisal of Burstow Road/ Kingston Road/ Lower Downs Road/ Cycle track'* submitted by Councillor David Dean.

In response to the petition officers would like to advise that the Council takes safety very seriously and we have an annual local safety programme. Rat running, perceived danger and excessive speed / volume of traffic are problems in a number of small residential roads throughout the borough and regrettably due to insufficient funds and resource it is not possible to address them all.

Due to limited available resource and funding and high demand for similar action, that outweigh the available funding, it is necessary to prioritise by giving first consideration to those areas with recorded personal injury accidents. According to records over the past 3 years there have 4 PI (personal injury) accidents on Kingston Road and the accidents were not due to the geometry of the junction. Given other priorities it would be difficult justifying any action / expenditure at this time. The situation will be monitored and the Council will take the appropriate action when necessary subject to available funding.

- 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.