

Report of the General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 5 July 2017

Present: Councillors Tim Mitchell (Chairman), David Boothroyd, Robert Davis, MBE, DL (Vice-Chairman) and Melvyn Caplan

1. Update to the Council's Petition Scheme

- (a) The Committee has considered a report which reviewed the Council's Petition Scheme. We have agreed some minor adjustments to the scheme, as follows:
- i) The removal of the requirement for petitions receiving 10,000 signatures or over to be debated at meetings of the full Council.
 - ii) Response times to petitions received with less than 500 signatures or over be reduced from three months to twenty-eight days and for those containing over 500 signatures a report will be submitted to the next suitable Cabinet meeting, and
 - iii) Electronic petitions to be only accepted if they are submitted through the E-Petition scheme hosted on the Council's website.
- (b) These changes are more fully explained in the report we considered which is attached as (Appendix A) and we recommend the revised scheme to the Council. The referral of petitions to Council meetings will be reviewed further as part of the review of Council meetings, to be carried out over the next 12 months.

We recommend: That the revised Petition Scheme as set out in Appendix A be approved.

Tim Mitchell, Chairman
