

Receipt of a Petition

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The council's Petition Scheme includes a provision for a petition of 4,000 signatures to trigger a Council debate.
- 1.2 A petition has been properly submitted and Democratic Services has validated 5,014 signatures at the time of receipt.
- 1.3 The lead petitioner for the online petition, as defined by the scheme, is Mr Tony Fisher. However, Mr Fisher has advised that he wishes Mr Matthew Allbones to be identified as the petition organiser for the purpose of its consideration by Council (as detailed in paragraph 1.5).
- 1.4 The course of action called for by the online petition is detailed below:

"Derby is to become the only city in the country not to have a Citizens Advice Bureau. This is totally unacceptable; I want you to find a way to keep this open as a major priority."

"Council resolves to find a way to keep the Citizens Advice Bureau open as a major priority."
- 1.5 The Petition Scheme sets out how the petition will be dealt with as follows:

'The petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by councillors for a maximum of 30 minutes, subject to the usual rules of debate within the Council Constitution.'

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Council notes the petition.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Citizens' Advice Bureau is not a council service that the authority has the ability to directly influence. External funding decisions were approved as part of the budget setting process earlier in 2016. Under Council Procedure Rule CP66, a decision of Council taken within the last six months cannot be rescinded unless a motion is put and signed by at least one third of members.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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| Legal officer | Janie Berry, Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer |
| Financial officer | n/a |
| Human Resources officer | n/a |
| Service Director(s) | n/a |
| Other(s) | n/a |

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