

Consideration of a petition received concerning Moorways Pool

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Council's Petition Scheme includes a provision for a petition of 4,000 signatures to trigger a full Council debate.
- 1.2 A petition has been properly submitted and Constitutional Services has validated 5,814 signatures.
- 1.3 The Lead Petitioner, as defined by the scheme, is Ms Audrey Chaplin.
- 1.4 The course of action called for by the petition is:

'While we agree that Moorways Pool is old and in need of repair, we urge the council to postpone any closure until a replacement facility is ready'
- 1.5 The Petition Scheme sets out how the petition will be dealt with at Council 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 debates the course of action called for in the petition in line with paragraph 1.5 above.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Council approved and adopted a revised Petition Scheme in December 2012. The Scheme makes provision for a full Council debate if the trigger of 4000 signatures is reached.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	Janie Berry, Director of Legal and Democratic Services
Financial officer	n/a
Human Resources officer	n/a
Service Director(s)	n/a
Other(s)	None.

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Background papers:	None
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 None directly arising.

Legal

- 2.1 Council approved a revised Petitions Scheme in December 2012, to amend the scheme introduced as a requirement of The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009. The requirement was repealed by The Localism Act 2011, but Council retains a scheme, including a duty to respond.

Personnel

- 3.1 None directly arising.

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- 4.1 None directly arising

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Petitions are recognised as an effective means of engaging all citizens in the democratic process.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None directly arising.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None directly arising.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None directly arising.

Risk Management

- 9.1 None directly arising

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 Petitions promote wider local representation and involvement in decision-making.

