

## **Consideration of a petition received concerning the Derby Museums Trust**

### **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 6,548 signatures.

1.3 The Lead Petitioner, as defined by the scheme, is Mr Tony Butler.

1.4 The course of action called for by the petition is:

'Derby Museums Trust was established two years ago to create new opportunities to develop and sustain your Museums for the future.

We believe that Derby Museums change lives and Derby City Council should not make cuts to the Museums current funding.

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:**

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

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

- 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 The requirement was repealed by The Localism Act 2011, but Council retains a scheme, including a duty to respond.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.

**IT**

- 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.

