

	<p><b>Environment Committee</b></p> <p><b>10 March 2015</b></p>
<p><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>e-Petition – Request to Create 30 Minutes Free Parking in Barnet</b></p>
<p><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p><b>Wards</b></p>	<p>All</p>
<p><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>None</p>
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<p><b>Summary</b></p>
<p>This item provides Members with information relating to an e-petition signed by 2,896 residents.</p>

<p><b>Recommendations</b></p>
<p>1. That the Environment Committee note the e-petition received by the Council in relation to a request to ‘Create 30 Minutes Free Parking in Barnet’.</p>
<p>2. That the Environment Committee note that the deadline of this e-petition is 14 April 2015</p>
<p>3. Following debate on the e-petition, the Committee are requested to give instructions in relation to the e-petition as highlight at section 5.3.2</p>

## **1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

- 1.1 The Head of Governance was notified that an e-petition to Create 30 Minutes Free Parking in Barnet had received 2,896 signatures.
- 1.2 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Public Participation Rules, petitions which receive 2,000 signatures and over but less than 7,000 will be considered by the next available meeting of the relevant theme Committee.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is a constitutional requirement for Environment Committee to consider petitions which receive 2,000 signatures and over but less than 7,000.

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 3.1 Not applicable.

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 The Environment Committee decisions will be minuted and any actions arising implemented through the relevant Commissioning Director or Committee as appropriate.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

- 5.1.1 The three key priorities set out in the 2013-16 Corporate Plan are: –

- Supporting families and individuals that need it – promoting independence, learning and wellbeing,
- Improving the satisfaction of residents and businesses with the London Borough of Barnet as a place to live, work and study,
- Promoting responsible growth, development and success across the Borough.

### **5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 5.2.1 None specifically arising from this report.

### **5.3 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.3.1 Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A sets out the Functions of The Environment Committee.

5.3.2 Council Constitution, Public Participation and Engagement – paragraph 6.9 provides that;

“2,000 signatures and over but less than 7,000 will be considered by the next available meeting of the relevant theme Committee. Petitions are required to be received 15 days before the Committee meeting, and only one petition will normally be heard. The Chairman of the Committee will request that the relevant Chief Officer attend the meeting to be called to give account with regard to the issue raised. Details of the procedure to be followed at the meeting are set below:

- i) Lead Petitioner is given five minutes to present the petition;
- ii) Committee Members have an opportunity to ask questions of the Lead Petitioner;
- iii) Chief Officer and Chairman of the relevant Committee respond to the issues raised in the petition;
- iv) Committee Members ask questions of the Chief Officer and Committee Chairman;
- v) Committee will then consider the issues raised and the responses received and take one of the following actions:
  - Take no action
  - Note the petition
  - Agree a recommended course of action.
  - Instruct an Officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee on the issue(s) raised.

#### **5.4 Risk Management**

- 5.4.1 Failure to deal with petitions received from members of the public in a timely way and in accordance with the provisions of the Council’s Constitution carries a reputational risk for the authority.

#### **5.5 Equalities and Diversity**

- 5.5.1 Pursuant to the Equality Act 2010 (“the Act”), the council has a legislative duty to have ‘due regard’ to eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act; advancing equality of opportunity between those with a protected characteristic and those without; and promoting good relations between those with protected characteristics and those without. The ‘protected characteristics’ are age, race, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy, and maternity, religion or belief and sexual orientation. The ‘protected characteristics’ also include marriage and civil partnership, with regard to eliminating discrimination.

#### **5.6 Consultation and Engagement**

- 5.6.1 None specifically arising from this report.

## 6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Further details of this e-petition can be found at <http://petitions.barnet.gov.uk/30MinutesFree/>