

	<p><b>Chipping Barnet Area Committee</b></p> <p><b>26 October 2016</b></p>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Petitions for the Committee’s Consideration</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Head of Governance
<b>Wards</b>	Various within Chipping Barnet Constituency
<b>Status</b>	Public
<b>Urgent</b>	No
<b>Key</b>	No
<b>Enclosures</b>	
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<b>Summary</b>
This item provides Members of the Chipping Barnet Area Committee with information relating to various petitions that have met the requisite number of signatures in order to be considered by the Committee.

<b>Recommendations</b>
<p><b>1. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee note the petition received by the Council.</b></p>
<p><b>2. That following consideration of the petition highlighted at 1.1 of the report the Chipping Barnet Area Committee are requested to give instructions as outlined at section 6.4.1.</b></p>

## 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Head of Governance was notified of a petition which has over 25 signatures relating to the Chipping Barnet constituency. Details of the petition is as follow:

Title of petition	Lead petitioner	Detail/text of petition	No. of signatures
56 Bedford Avenue	Lloyd Zokay	<p>56 Bedford Avenue became vacant in 2000, and since then has deteriorated. Partial works that were finally begun in 2015 have served only to expose the property increasingly to the elements. All work has stopped in November 2015 and there has been no corrective action to protect the property from its deterioration. There have also been reports of vermin and the property is increasingly threatening the health and safety of the locality.</p> <p>This petition asks the council to take whatever corrective action is necessary to restore the property at number 56 Bedford Avenue to fit and habitable state.</p>	147

- 1.2 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Public Participation Rules, petitions which receive 25 signature and over but less than 2,000 will be considered by the relevant Area Committee.

## 2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is a constitutional requirement for Area Committees to consider petitions which receive 25 signature and over but less than 2,000.
- 2.2 There are no recommendations contained in this report. The instruction of the Area Committee is therefore requested.

## 3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 4.1 Not applicable.

## **5 POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 5.1 The Area Committee decisions will be minuted and any actions arising implemented through the relevant Commissioning Director or Committee as appropriate at a future meeting.

## **6 IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

- 6.1.1 As and when issues raised through petitions are received such relating issues will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

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

- 6.2.1 None in the context of this report.

### **6.3 Social Value**

- 6.3.1 Petitions provide an avenue for Members of the Public to request the Council to take an appropriate action. It is therefore and as identified within this report appropriate for the Chipping Barnet Area Committee to consider this petition which may lead to a future determination by the relevant Commissioning Director or Committee as appropriate at a future meeting.

### **6.4 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 6.4.1 Council Constitution, Public Participation and Engagement – section 7.6 outlines that;

Petitions which receive over 25 signatures will be referred to the relevant Area Committee. The following actions are available to the Committee:

- Note the petition
- Ask officers to present a report to a future meeting of the Area Committee
- Formally refer to a relevant Committee
- Formally instruct an officer (within their powers) to take action
- To bring the matter to the attention of the Ward Councillors (who will consider and respond to the issue individually)

### **6.5 Risk Management**

- 6.5.1 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.

### **6.6 Equalities and Diversity**

6.6.1 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.

## 6.7 **Consultation and Engagement**

6.7.1 None in the context of this report.

## 6.8 **Insight**

6.9 The Council Constitution, Public Participation and Engagement provides a function that enables residents to engage with the Council. This process offers the opportunity for residents to bring a matter to the attention of the Council and therefore requests that an action be considered and determined as outlined at section 5.1 of this report.

## 7 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 The submitted petitions to the Council.