



# Summary

This item provides Members of the Environment Committee with information relating to various petitions that have met the requisite number of signatures in order to be considered by the Committee.

# Recommendations

- 1. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee determine the petition as outlined at section 5.3.2 of the report
- 2. That the Environment Committee's instructions in relation to this Member's item are requested.

### 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Head of Governance was notified of the petition containing 103 signatures and therefore in accordance to the Council's Constitution the petition was reported to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee on 13 January 2016.
- 1.2 The Chipping Barnet Area Committee referred the 'Parking Restrictions on Whitehouse Avenue Petition' to the Environment Committee with the following supporting narrative:

"In relation to the petition 'Parking Restrictions in Whitehouse Way', the lead petitioner was not in attendance at the meeting. Having notified the Chairman in advance of the meeting, Councillor Kathy Levine spoke to the petition. The Committee noted that the Environment Committee had at their 10 November 2015 included in the agenda a list of 71 roads where footway parking was permitted. The item had subsequently been withdrawn from the agenda and was due to be considered at a future meeting of the committee. Councillor Levine requested Whitehouse Avenue be included in the list of 71 roads. The Chairman requested that Lincoln Avenue also be included.

- 1.4 The Chipping Barent Area Committee on 13 January 2016 Resolved:
  - that matter be referred to the Environment Committee who are requested to consider the inclusion of Whitehouse Avenue and Lincoln Avenue in the Footway Parking Scheme Programme 2015/16."
- 1.5 The Environment Committee is therefore requested to consider the petition and determine within the remit of its terms of reference as highlighted at 5.3.2 of this report.

### 2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee requested to give consideration to the petition and provide instruction.

### 3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not applicable.

#### 4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

#### 5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

# 5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised via the petitions progress, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.
- 5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)
- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

# 5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 The Council's Constitution outlines how the Council is able to process a petition. Furthermore the Council's Constitution provides ability for Area Committees to formally refer items to its parent Committee in order for a decision to be made.
- 5.3.2 The Council's Constitution allows the Environment Committee to determine this petition in the following way:
  - 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

## 6. Risk Management

6.1.1 None in the context of this report.

# 7. Equalities and Diversity

7.1.1 Members' Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

### 8. Consultation and Engagement

8.1.1 None in the context of this report.

# 9. Insight

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 being a matter to the attention of the Council and therefore requests that an action be considered and determined

# 10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 <a href="http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=711&Mld=8315&V">http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=711&Mld=8315&V</a> er=4