

	<p>Policy and Resources Committee</p> <p>1 September 2016</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Save Barnet Diving Petition</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>Mill Hill</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Key</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>None</p>
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<p>Summary</p>
<p>This report advises the Policy and Resources Committee that a petition has been received which has met the requisite number of signatures in order to be considered by this theme committee.</p>

<p>Recommendation</p>
<p>1. The Policy and Resources Committee is requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To consider the ‘Save Barnet Diving’ petition detailed in section 1.2 of this report; and b. To give instructions, in line with the options outlined in the Public Participation and Engagement rules, specifically to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take no action; • Note the petition; • Agree a recommended course of action; or • Instruct an officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee on the issue(s) raised.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 The Council received the 'Save Barnet Diving' petition (in paper form) on 16 August 2016. The petition contained 2,161 signatures.

1.2 The table below details the petition received.

Title	Lead Petitioner	Text	Signatures
Save Barnet Diving	Wendy Kravetz (On behalf of the #SaveBarnet Diving Team)	Reverse the decision to remove the diving facility at Barnet Copthall With regards to the regeneration of Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre, we write to state our full objection to the removal of the diving pool. Please do not remove the diving facilities, let's be at the forefront of sporting excellence in the Borough. We believe all sports should be available in Barnet.	2,161

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is a constitutional requirement for the relevant theme committee to consider petitions which receive between 2,000 – 6,999 signatures.

2.2 The Public Participation and Engagement rules stipulate the procedure to be followed at the meeting and the actions available to the committee.

2.3 Procedure:

- 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 action as outlined below.

2.4 Options available to the committee:

- i) Take no action;
- ii) Note the petition;
- iii) Agree a recommended course of action; or
- iv) Instruct an officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee on the issue(s) raised.

2.5 The instruction of the Policy and Resources Committee is therefore requested.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 The committee's decision will be detailed in the minutes of the meeting and any actions arising (if applicable) will be recorded.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 Pending the instruction of the committee, following consideration of the petition, issues raised will be evaluated against the priorities of the Corporate Plan, any related performance measures, strategies or 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 Social Value

5.3.1 The committee is advised that the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2013 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits. Before commencing a procurement process, commissioners should think about whether the services they are going to buy, or the way they are going to buy them, could secure these benefits for their area or stakeholders.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, [Public Participation Rules](#), petitions which receive 2,000 signature and over but less than 6,999 will be considered by the relevant theme committee.

5.4.2 The Public Participation rules stipulate the procedure to be followed at the meeting (section 7.9) and the actions available to the committee (section 7.7).

5.4.3 [Annex A to the Responsibility for Functions](#) sets out the terms of reference of the Policy and Resources Committee and states that 'if any report comes with the remit of more than one committee, to avoid the report being discussed at several committees the report will be presented and determined at the most appropriate committee. If this is not clear, then the report will be discussed and determined by the Policy and Resources Committee'. In this case the report recommendations cut across the Adults and Safeguarding Committee, which has specific responsibility for leisure services and the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee is responsible for asset management.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 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.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 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.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 Not applicable in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 A copy of the paper petition submitted to the council is held on record by the Governance Team in the Assurance Group.

6.2 Policy and Resources Committee, 16 December 2015:

“The relocation and redevelopment of Church Farm Leisure Centre and the redevelopment of Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre” Report

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s28130/The%20relocation%20and%20redevelopment%20of%20Church%20Farm%20Leisure%20Centre%20and%20the%20redevelopment%20of%20Barnet%20Copth.pdf>

Appendix 1, The Sport and Physical Activity Project

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s28131/Appendix%201%20-%20ORS%20Consultation%20Report.pdf>

Appendix 2, Health Impact Assessment

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s28132/Appendix%202%20-%20Health%20Impact%20Assessment.pdf>

Appendix 3, Key Risks

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s28133/Appendix%203%20-%20Key%20Risks.pdf>

Minutes (Item 12)

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g8349/Printed%20minutes%2016th-Dec-2015%2018.30%20Policy%20and%20Resources%20Committee.pdf?T=1>