

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report of the Chief Executive

Petitions received under Standing Order 44

1. Purpose of Report

To consider action in respect of petitions received by the Chief Executive under Standing Order 44.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet agree the action to be taken in response to the petitions referred to in the report in line with the Council's Petitions Scheme.**

3. Background

- 3.1** The Council's Standing Order 44 requires that "All petitions relating to a matter over which the Council ... has authority or which affects the Borough shall be presented to the Chief Executive who shall refer them to the relevant officer for investigation."
- 3.2** The Petitions Scheme, which was revised in April, 2013, requires petitions to be reported into Cabinet. This report sets out recent petitions received and the recommended response.
- 3.3** Whilst the report of petitions to Cabinet fulfils this duty requirement, Cabinet may wish to consider further action, such as referring any petition to the relevant Area Council.

4. Details of Petitions Received

- 4.1** Details of the petitions received up to this meeting of Cabinet are set out in the appendix attached, including a recommendation of the action to be taken for consideration. Members should note that individual petitions will not be the subject of further reports to Cabinet unless this is specifically requested at the meeting when the petition is reported.

5. List of Appendices

- 5.1** Details of Petitions received.

6. Background Papers

Petitions presented to the Chief Executive. Available for inspection in the Council Governance Unit, Town Hall, Barnsley, except where the petitions contain Exempt Information.

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Issue	No. of Signatories	Date Received	Action recommended under the Petitions Scheme
Request for the reinstatement of the access to the Swaithe playing fields across the site of the former Worsbrough High School	79 signatories	28/02/2017	<p>Since the closure of Worsbrough High School in 2005, residents in the surrounding area have created an informal route across the site as a short cut to access the sports fields to walk dogs etc. However, the access has been closed off so that the land can be let on a grazing tenancy. The informal route is not included on the Definitive Map, and a claim for its inclusion is unlikely to be successful given that it has been in regular use for less than 20 years. Formalising the route would bring with it a maintenance liability on the Council and affect the letting of the site or any future proposals the Council may have for the site. As there is an alternative, albeit longer, definitive footpath available to the public to access the Trans Pennine Trail and other recognised public accessible routes, it is not recommended that this access be re-opened to the general public.</p>