

REPORT TO: Petitions Committee

MEETING DATE: 12 June 2014

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

SUBJECT: Update on Petitions Presented to the Petitions Committee for Consideration during 2013/14

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Petitions Committee with an update on the petitions heard during 2013/14 which Members referred for further consideration.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the outcome of these petitions, as outlined in Appendix 1.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 There were seven petitions received during session 2013/14 which were deemed to be competent. Of these, two were resolved by officers and did not come before the Committee. The remaining five were considered by the Committee at its meetings on 12 September and 12 December 2013, and 13 March 2014. Of the five, one was refused, one was resolved and three were referred to the relevant Cabinet spokesperson/officers.
- 3.2 Further details of the outcome of these petitions are contained in Appendix 1.
- 3.3 Members will be aware that the Council operates an e-petition facility on its website. Until recently, only details of “live” petitions were shown but this is being updated to include a page on “closed” petitions. This will allow members of the public to see details and outcomes of all e-petitions received by the Council. Work to update this page should be complete by the end of the summer recess.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial – none.

6.2 Personnel – none.

6.3 Other – none.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 East Lothian Council Standing Orders – Appendix 1: Scheme of Administration – Petitions Committee.

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**EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL PETITIONS COMMITTEE
UPDATE ON PETITIONS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE DURING 2013/14**

Petition Ref:	Subject of Petition	Meeting Date	Outcome
PET 1302	To reverse the decision [of the Council] not to accept Fenton Barns Nursery as a pre-school partner provider	12.09.13	Referred to Cllr Akhtar. Fenton Barns Nursery approved as a pre-school partnership provider nursery following a decision of Cabinet on 11 March 2014.
PET 1301	Calling on East Lothian Council to have a Committee day-diary published daily and made accessible to the public on the Council's website.	12.12.13	Refused by the Committee
PET 1304	Calling on East Lothian Council to reconsider its decision to reduce the funding for Fisherrow Community Nursery, Musselburgh.	12.12.13	Referred to Cllr Akhtar who met with staff from the Nursery and assisted them in identifying alternative sources of funding.
PET 1307	Calling on East Lothian Council to provide Sheltered Housing in Ormiston.	13.03.14	Referred to Cllr Hampshire. He is awaiting a report from the Service Manager – Economic Development & Strategic Investment before considering further action. The report is due this month.

PET 1308	Calling on East Lothian Council to install traffic-calming measures on Woodhall Road, Pencaitland	13.03.14	Resolved at the meeting. Officers agreed to add the petitioner's request to their programme of roads maintenance for the coming year.
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