

PETITION FOR COUNCIL DEBATE

Head of Service/Contact:	Amardip Healy, Chief Legal Officer
Urgent Decision?(yes/no)	No
If yes, reason urgent decision required:	Annex 1 - Petition
Annexes/Appendices (attached):	
Other available papers (not attached):	Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Constitution

Report summary

Following the trigger for a full Council debate being reached, this report sets out the details of the Petition and the procedure for its debate.

Recommendation (s)

Council is asked to consider the Petition in line with its Petition Scheme.

1 Implications for the Council's Key Priorities, Service Plans and Sustainable Community Strategy

- 1.1 Good Corporate Governance underpins all the Council's activities.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Council's Constitution, provides for citizens to bring a petition in accordance with its Petition Scheme, which is set out in Article 15 of Part 2.
- 2.2 The Scheme provides for a range of petitions to be brought, including one for debate at a meeting of the full Council, if it contains at least 1,500 signatures and falls within the Scheme.
- 2.3 The Petition Scheme permits the Petition Organiser to present their petition, and full Council will then decide at the meeting how it wishes to respond to the petition. It may decide to:
 - 2.3.1 take the action the petition requests;

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2.3.2 not to take the action for the reasons put forward in the debate; or

2.3.3 commission further investigation into the matter, for example by referring it to a relevant Committee

2.4 Following consideration, the decision of full Council will be published on the Council's website.

3 Proposals

3.1 A petition, entitled "Planning strategy in light of the governments housing building targets" has met the threshold for Council debate (receiving a total of 1,815 valid signatures) and been accepted under the requirements of the Council's Petition Scheme. Details of the Petition are set out at **Annex 1** to this report.

Procedure for Debate

3.2 In line with the Council's general rules of debate and the Petition Scheme, the procedure will be as follows:

3.2.1 the petition organiser will be given 5 minutes to present the petition at the meeting;

3.2.2 a Chair/Chairman of a Policy Committee will be given 7 minutes for a right of reply to the Petition

3.2.3 the meeting will then be opened to debate, those members wishing to speak will have 3 minutes to address the meeting;

3.2.4 at the conclusion of the debate the responding Chair/Chairman will have the final right of reply and will have 5 minutes to respond and confirm the action to be taken.

3.3 With the exception of the Chair/Chairman responding, no member is able to speak on the matter more than once.

3.3 Following the meeting the Petition organiser will receive written confirmation of full Council's decision.

4 Financial and Manpower Implications

4.1 No comments are provided on Petitions.

4.2 **Chief Finance Officer's comments:** Not applicable.

5 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)

5.1 No comments are provided on Petitions.

5.2 **Monitoring Officer's comments:** Not applicable.

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6 Sustainability Policy and Community Safety Implications

6.1 No comments are provided on Petitions.

7 Partnerships

7.1 No comments are provided on Petitions.

8 Risk Assessment

8.1 No comments are provided on Petitions.

9 Conclusion and Recommendations

9.1 The Council is asked to consider the Petition in accordance with Standing Orders.

Ward(s) Affected: (All Wards);