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## **REJECTED PETITION – CCTV IN ALBION GARDENS**

To: **Overview and Scrutiny Panel – 13 January 2015**

By: **Steven Boyle, Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

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**Summary:** **To outline a petition that has been rejected by the Monitoring Officer.**

### **For Information**

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#### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 When the Petitions Scheme was reviewed in light of the Localism Act 2011, a new clause was introduced to require the Council's Monitoring Officer to report to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Panel when a petition was rejected.

#### **2.0 The Current Situation**

- 2.1 The Council received a request for an petition on the 13 September 2014 from a member of the public:

“We the undersigned petition the council to Install CCTV in the Albion Gardens to protect the heritage garden, holocaust memorial, rose beds, and war memorial.”

- 2.2 The petition was then placed on the Council's website for the public to sign, the petition was available to sign between 15 September 2014 and 29 October 2014, as requested by the petitioner. The petitioner was then advised on the 30 October that, as the petition had only been signed by 4 people, the petition had not reached the minimum threshold of 25 signatories in order to become a valid petition in accordance with the Council's petition scheme, therefore the petition was referred to the Parking department to be treated as a piece of correspondence.

#### **3.0 Corporate Implications**

##### **3.1 Financial and VAT**

- 3.1.1 None

##### **3.2 Legal**

- 3.2.1 None

### 3.3 Corporate

- 3.3.1 The Council must abide by its constitution, of which the petition scheme is an integral part. The constitution requires the Overview & Scrutiny Panel to be advised if the Monitoring Officer rejects a petition.

### 3.4 Equity and Equalities

- 3.4.1 None

### 4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 This report is for information only.

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Reporting to:	Madeline Homer, Interim Chief Executive

### Annex List

None	N/A
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### Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

### Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	N/A
Legal	Steven Boyle, Interim Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer