
REJECTED PETITION – TESCO WESTGATE

To: **Overview and Scrutiny Panel – 23 April 2013**

Main Portfolio Area: **Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Corporate Regulatory and Strategic Economic Development Services**

By: **Harvey Patterson, Corporate and Regulatory Services Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

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

For Information

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 The Council's petition scheme states that:

"if a petition applies to a planning or licensing application, these may be rejected by the Monitoring Officer alone."

1.2 When the Petition 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 an Epetition on the 24 March 2013 from a member of the public entitled:

"We the undersigned petition the council to refuse the grant of planning permission for the proposed TESCO store, Westgate on Sea."

2.2 The petitioner was advised that the petition had been rejected in accordance with paragraph 12.1 of the Council's Constitution because It related to the Council's Planning or Licensing functions and there were separate statutory processes in place for dealing with such matters.

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.

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 None

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 This report is for information only.

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Annex List

Annex 1	None
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	N/A
Legal	Harvey Patterson, Corporate and Regulatory Services Manager