

## PETITION – CLEAN UP CLIFTONVILLE WEST

### Meeting – Council 13 July 2017

Report Author	<b>Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager</b>
Portfolio Holder	<b>Councillor Crow-Brown, Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance Services</b>
Status	<b>For recommendation</b>
Classification:	<b>Unrestricted</b>
Key Decision	<b>No</b>
Ward:	<b>Cliftonville West</b>

#### Executive Summary:

An e-petition containing 182 valid signatures has been received by the Council from residents who ask for the council to clean up Cliftonville West.

This report sets out how the Council deals with petitions of this size; it explains that the petition organiser will present the petition to the meeting and sets out the next steps as to how the Council will deal with the petition.

#### Recommendation(s):

Under the Council's petitions scheme, Council is required to refer the petition to Cabinet without debate for report back to Council.

#### CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

<b>Financial and Value for Money</b>	There are no identified financial implications from this report.
<b>Legal</b>	This matter is dealt with under the Council's scheme for dealing with petitions from the public which is contained within the constitution.
<b>Corporate</b>	In accordance with the Council's petition scheme if a petition has over 25, but less than 650, signatories, it will be referred to Cabinet or an appropriate committee without debate for report to Council within three ordinary meetings.
<b>Equalities Act 2010 &amp; Public Sector Equality Duty</b>	<p>Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy &amp; maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage &amp; civil partnership.</p>

	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	
	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
There are no specific equity and equalities issues arising from this report.		

<b>CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓</b>	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	x

<b>CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓</b>	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	x

## 1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Under the terms of the Council's petitions scheme, members of the public may present petitions at ordinary meetings of Council; and if a petition has over 25, but less than 650, signatories, it will be referred to Cabinet or an appropriate committee without debate for report to Council within three ordinary meetings.

## 2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 An e-petition organised by Ms Goodson has been validly signed by 182 persons. The petition prayer reads:

"We the undersigned petition the council to This petition calls on Thanet District Council to firstly clean up, and thereafter regularly maintain, the streets, promenades and beach areas of Cliftonville West - an area persistently blighted by litter, dog fouling and a general lack of cleanliness - in accordance with the standards and statutory obligations imposed on the council by the Environmental Protection Act 1990, and the DEFRA Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse. 1. Remove all litter & dog fouling from the streets, cliff tops, promenades and beaches. Sweep the streets, cliff tops & promenades & remove all detritus & weeds, then maintain this level of cleanliness; 2. Deep clean the area by washing the streets & pavements; 3. Monitor and remove graffiti; 4. Increase the number of bins & dog bins in Cliftonville West; 5. Employ a beach warden for the summer season to stop anti-social behaviour leading to littering, dog fouling & broken glass; 6. Issue enforcement notices for littering, dog fouling & to landowners."

- 2.2 The petition organiser is entitled to present their petition to Council, and in accordance with the Council's petition scheme has three minutes to present the petition.
- 2.3 Ms Goodson has informed the Council that she will be in attendance to present the petition

## 3.0 Next Steps

3.1 Under the Council's petitions scheme, Council is required to refer the petition to Cabinet for report back to Council within three ordinary meetings.

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Reporting to:	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

#### **Annex List**

<i>None</i>	<i>N/A</i>
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#### **Background Papers**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Details of where to access copy</b>
<i>None</i>	<i>N/A</i>

#### **Corporate Consultation**

<b>Finance</b>	Matt Sanham, Corporate Finance Manager
<b>Legal</b>	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer