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To: County Council – 14 October 2010

Subject: Petition Scheme Debates

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Details of Petitions received which will be the subject of debates in accordance with the County Councils Petition Scheme.

For Decision

Introduction

1 (1) In accordance with the Petition Scheme agreed at the County Council meeting on 22 July 2010, any petition on a County Council matter relating to a single District Council area that has more than 1,000 signatures will trigger a debate at County Council.

(2) The process for this debate is that the Lead Petitioner (or their representative) will be invited to speak to the petition for up to 5 minutes any Member who has submitted the petition will be given the opportunity to speak early in the debate before the relevant Cabinet Member is invited to respond. The debate will last for up to 45 minutes at the end of which the County Council in accordance with the Petition Scheme will “decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. They may decide to take the action the petition requests, not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by the relevant Cabinet Member or Committee. Where the issue is one on which the County Council’s Executive is required to make the final decision, the County Council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.”

Petition 1 - Manorbrooke Residential Home, Dartford

2. A petition has been received containing 1390 signatures against the proposed closure of Manorbrooke Residential Home and the service re-provision to Extra Care Homes. A statement from the Lead Petitioner, Ms Yvette Knight will follow (**Appendix 1**). Ms Knight will be attending the meeting and speaking to her petition.

Petition 2 - Cornfields Care Home, Dover

3. A petition has been received containing 1816 signature and 700 “standard” letters opposing the demolition of Cornfields Care Home for older persons and asking the County Council to make the necessary improvements to the existing facilities. A supporting statement from the Lead Petitioner, Councillor Wendy Bowman (Whitfield Parish Council), will follow (**Appendix 2**). Council Wendy Bowman will be attending the meeting to speak to her petition

Petition 3- Sampson Court Residential Care Home

4. (1) A petition has been received containing 4200 signatures opposing the closure of Sampson Court Residential Care Home, Deal.

(2) A supporting statement from the Lead Petitioners, Mr and Mrs Hubble, will follow (**Appendix 3**). Mr and Mrs Hubble will be attending the meeting to speak to their petition.

5. A briefing report from the Managing Director of Adult Social Services relation to Petitions 1 – 3 is attached as **Appendix 4**.

Petition 4 - Request for the re-opening of right-turns off the A256 from Sandwich towards Dover

6. (1) A petition has been received from Eythorne and Tilmanstone Parish Councils containing 1074 signatures requesting the re-opening of the turnings across the A256. A copy of the supporting information submitted with the petitions will follow (**Appendix 5**).

(2) A supporting statement from the Parish Councils will be circulated prior to the meeting and a representative(s) from the Parish Councils will be attending the meeting to speak to this petition.

(3) A briefing report from the Managing Director of Environment Highways and Waste is attached as **Appendix 6**.

RECOMMENDATION

7. (1) The County Council is invited to respond to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services in relation to Petitions 1 – 3.

(2) The County Council is invited to respond to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste in respect of Petition 4.

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Background Documents: None