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To: County Council – 19 July 2012

Subject: Petition Scheme Debate: SAT Campaign – School Allocation Trouble

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Details of a Petition received which will be the subject of a debate in accordance with the County Council's Petition Scheme.

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 specific District Council area that has more than 1,000 signatures will trigger a debate at County Council.

(2) The process for the each debate is that the Lead Petitioner(s) will be invited to speak to the petition for up to 5 minutes in total. There will then be a debate of up to 35 Minutes (with each Member speaking for 3 minutes) before the Cabinet Member is invited to respond for a maximum of 5 minutes. As the subject matters for this petition relates to matters that are the responsibility of the Council's Executive, the County Council may decide whether to make a recommendation to the relevant Cabinet Members to inform the decision-making process.

Petition - We the undersigned petition the council to increase the intake of reception class children at the three local schools, Thurnham C of E, Madginford Park Infants and St John's CEP to make sure all local children attend local schools.

2. (1) This petition (a combination of an e-petition and a paper petition) achieved 1,171 signatures. A statement from the Lead Petitioner Mrs Smith is attached (**Appendix 1**) and Mrs Smith will also be speaking to the petition.

(2) A position statement from the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills in relation the petition is attached. (**Appendix 2**)

Recommendation

3. The County Council is invited to respond to the Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills in relation to the Petition.

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Background Documents – none