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To: County Council –21 July 2011

Subject: Petition Scheme Debate: Extend the Kent Freedom Pass to 16-20 year olds

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Details of Petition received which will be the subject of a debate in accordance with the County Council's 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 that has more than 12,000 signatures will trigger a debate at County Council.

(2) The process for the debate on each petition is that the Lead Petitioner(s) will be invited to speak to the petition for up to 5 minutes. 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 these petitions relate 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 Member to inform the decision-making process.

Petition - Extend the Kent Freedom pass to 16-20 year olds

2 (1) An E-Petition requesting the extension of the Kent Freedom pass to 16-20 year olds has been available on KCC's website for signature for 3 months. The petition attracted 12,677 signatures and therefore has triggered a County Council Debate. A statement from the Lead Petitioners, Mr Jamie Potten and Miss Melanie Sparkes is attached (**Appendix 1**). Mr Potter and Miss Sparkes will be attending the meeting and speaking to the petition.

(2) A briefing report from the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste relation to the petition is attached. (**Appendix 2**)

Recommendation

3. The County Council is invited to respond to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste in respect of this petition.

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Background Documents: None