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To: Health Reform and Public Health Cabinet Committee –  
8 February 2018

Subject: **Petition Scheme Debate – infant feeding service**

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.

For Decision

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## **Introduction**

1. (1) In accordance with the Petition Scheme agreed at the County Council meeting on 13 September 2012 and set out at Annex E of Appendix 4 Part 4 of the Constitution, any petition on a County Council matter which has between 2,500 and 9,999 signatures will trigger a debate at the appropriate Cabinet Committee.

(2) The process for the debate on each petition is that the lead petitioner will be invited to speak to the petition for a total of 5 minutes. There will then be a debate of up to 45 Minutes before the Cabinet Member is invited to respond for a maximum of 5 minutes. As the subject matter of this petition relates to a matter which is the responsibility of the Council's Executive, the Cabinet Committee can decide whether to make a recommendation to the relevant Cabinet Member to inform the decision-making process.

## **Petition – breastfeeding support services**

2. (1) A petition was received which requested that dedicated breastfeeding services be kept available for families who need support, to ensure that all breastfeeding families who need to see a breastfeeding specialist can access this service in a location close to their home and within a short time frame. This petition had a total of 4,931 signatures, thus triggering a debate at this Cabinet Committee.

(2) A statement from the lead petitioner, Anna Le Grange, is attached at Appendix 1. Ms Le Grange has confirmed that she will be attending the meeting to address the committee about the petition.

(2) A position statement prepared by the County Council's public health team is attached at Appendix 2.

(3) A report from the Cabinet Member for Strategic Commissioning and Public Health and the Director of Public Health, on the findings of the

consultation, the proposed model and the additional investment planned to respond to the concerns identified by the consultation is the next item of business on the agenda, and consideration of this report will follow the petition debate.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

3. The committee is invited to debate the issues raised in the petition, comment to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Commissioning and Public Health and decide how it intends to respond to the petition.

Background Documents: None

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