

## **Consideration of a petition received concerning Moorways Pool**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Council's Petition Scheme includes a provision for a petition of 4,000 signatures to trigger a full Council debate.
- 1.2 A petition has been properly submitted and Constitutional Services has validated 5,814 signatures.
- 1.3 The Lead Petitioner, as defined by the scheme, is Ms Audrey Chaplin.
- 1.4 The course of action called for by the petition is:
- 'While we agree that Moorways Pool is old and in need of repair, we urge the council to postpone any closure until a replacement facility is ready'
- 1.5 The Petition Scheme sets out how the petition will be dealt with at Council as follows:
- 'The petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by councillors for a maximum of 30 minutes, subject to the usual rules of debate within the Council Constitution.'

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That Council debates the course of action called for in the petition in line with paragraph 1.5 above.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Council approved and adopted a revised Petition Scheme in December 2012. The Scheme makes provision for a full Council debate if the trigger of 4000 signatures is reached.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b>	Janie Berry, Director of Legal and Democratic Services
<b>Financial officer</b>	n/a
<b>Human Resources officer</b>	n/a
<b>Service Director(s)</b>	n/a
<b>Other(s)</b>	None.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

- 1.1 None directly arising.

**Legal**

- 2.1 Council approved a revised Petitions Scheme in December 2012, to amend the scheme introduced as a requirement of The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009. The requirement was repealed by The Localism Act 2011, but Council retains a scheme, including a duty to respond.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 None directly arising.

**IT**

- 4.1 None directly arising

**Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 Petitions are recognised as an effective means of engaging all citizens in the democratic process.

**Health and Safety**

- 6.1 None directly arising.

**Environmental Sustainability**

- 7.1 None directly arising.

**Property and Asset Management**

- 8.1 None directly arising.

**Risk Management**

- 9.1 None directly arising

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 10.1 Petitions promote wider local representation and involvement in decision-making.

