

Lancaster Sports Centre – Receipt of a Petition

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To note the petition and the comments expressed by the petitioners and to take them into account when deciding the future of Lancaster Sports Centre.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Management Commission formally received a petition concerning the proposed closure of Lancaster Sports Centre at their 12 September meeting. The petition contains 4,151 signatures and states “*We the undersigned disagree with the closure of Lancaster Sports Centre; this Sports Centre is the only centrally situated facility for the community of Derby*”. Two of the signatories to the petition attended the Commission meeting and were invited by the Chair to make statement. In their statements, the petitioners stated that:
- The petition collected over 4000 names in just four weeks, demonstrating a significant level of support for the centre
 - Due to its city centre location, the Centre is a single bus journey for everyone in the city
 - The Centre is well used by all sections of the community
 - The Centre is well used by community groups and schools, and provides a valuable service
 - The Government is trying to tackle the growing problem of obesity and closing the centre goes against this.
- 2.2 One of the petitioners then went on to talk about her own personal circumstances and about how it would mean taking her children on 2 buses 3 times a week to the next nearest centre.
- 2.3 The SMC requests the Council Cabinet to include these comments alongside the petition in their consideration of the Lancaster Sports Centre.

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Background papers: The Petition

List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None directly arising.

Legal

2. The Scrutiny Management Commission is responsible receiving city wide petitions.

Personnel

3. None directly arising.

Equalities Impact

4. None directly arising.

Corporate priorities

5. None directly arising.