

Consideration of a petition received from Derbyshire Voice

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 4211 signatures.
- 1.3 The Lead Petitioner, as defined by the scheme, is Catherine Ingram, Chief Executive of Derbyshire Voice.
- 1.4 The course of action called for by the petition is:

'We the undersigned want Derby City Council to reconsider their proposal to withdraw 100% of the funding for Derbyshire Voice and to recognise it is imperative mental health service receivers are supported to have involvement in the provision of the council's services to this group of potentially vulnerable people'
- 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:

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

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None
Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

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 The requirement was repealed by The Localism Act 2011, but Council retains a scheme, including a duty to respond.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.

Equalities Impact

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

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None directly arising.

Carbon commitment

- 6.1 None directly arising.

Value for money

- 7.1 None directly arising.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

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

