

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL****PUBLIC REPORT**

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>CITY SOLICITOR</b>
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	<b>18 MARCH 2019</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>PETITIONS UPDATE</b>
<b>Wards affected:</b>	<b>ALL</b>

**1. Purpose of report:**

To update Committee on progress made in responding to petitions presented to full Council

**2. Decision(s) recommended:**

2.1 The Committee note this quarterly report.

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**Signature:**

Chief Officer(s):

Dated:

**List of Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Current Petition Schedule

**List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:**

Public Petition Records

### **3. Relevant background/chronology of key events:**

- 3.1 The current protocol for responding to petitions presented to City Council was agreed by this Committee in May 2007 and is set out below: -

#### **Protocol**

1. Petition presented at City Council.
  2. Petition referred to the appropriate Corporate Director for response within 3 working days.
  3. Corporate Director to write to the Council or presenting the petition and the first named petitioner to acknowledge receipt within 14 days of the City Council.
  4. Progress of investigation into petition to be notified by the relevant Corporate Director to Committee Manager for inclusion in the monthly Petitions Update by no later than 10 working days before the next City Council.
  5. Final response to petition included in Petitions Update by the Committee Manager.
  6. Corporate Director to notify the Councillor who presented the petition and the first named petitioner of the outcome within 14 days of the relevant City Council meeting discharging the same.
- 3.2 It should be noted that the protocol applies only to petitions sent internally and not to those which are referred to outside bodies for action.

### **4 Action Taken**

- 4.1 In accordance with minute No. 2044 of this Committee the petition schedule has been split into City Council related petitions (currently 50) and those which are the responsibility of external organisations (currently 64).
- 4.2 Of the outstanding City Council related petitions 1 was presented in 2017 and 28 were presented in 2018.
- 4.3 Since May 2005, 2068 out of a total of 2118 City Council related petitions received have been discharged – 98%.
- 4.4 Of the 48 petitions presented in the last six months 10 have been discharged – 21%.
- 4.5 The current City Council Petition Schedule is at appendix 1.