

# Subject: Petitions

**Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 2 December 2015**

**This report will be considered in public**

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out details of petitions to be presented at this meeting by Assembly Members.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly receives and notes the petitions listed at paragraph 4 of this report and decides whether to refer the petitions, and if so where to, and seeks a response to the points raised.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 Standing Orders 3.20 to 3.21 make provision for the presentation of petitions by an Assembly Member at an ordinary meeting of the Assembly.

A petition to be presented must:

- (a) Be addressed to the Mayor, the Assembly, a Functional Body (as the case may be);
- (b) Clearly indicate the name, address and contact telephone number of the person organising the petition, or where the petition was organised on the internet, its data controller;
- (c) Be presented in the form of printed sheets, each of which includes the “prayer” of the petition (the “prayer” is the formal request or other subject matter of the petition) or, if the petition was organised on the internet, clearly demonstrate that internet users who subscribed to the petition knew what the prayer was;
- (d) Include each petitioner’s name (which may be printed or be in the form of a signature, provided that the signature is legible) and address (sufficient that the person and their address can be identified) or, where the petition was organised on the internet, their names and email addresses;
- (e) Indicate the total number of manual or electronic signatories to the petition.

(f) Young people aged 17 or under signing a petition may give their address as that of the school, or other recognised youth group or similar organisation that they attend (with details of their class name where appropriate), provided that the lead petitioner is a teacher at or leader of that school or youth group or similar organisation.

(g) Indicate the total number of manual or electronic signatories to the petition; and

(h) Refer to matters within the responsibilities of the Mayor, the London Assembly or the functional bodies, or to matters of importance to Londoners, including those who visit, live or work in Greater London.

- 3.2 Notice of the intention to present a petition at an Assembly meeting and a copy of the petition must be given to the Executive Director of the Secretariat by no later than 12 noon six clear working days before that meeting.
- 3.3 Under Standing Orders the Member presenting the petition will read out the prayer of the petition (but not the signatories). The Assembly will not debate the petition. If the Assembly agrees without debate, the petition will be forwarded to the Mayor, Functional Body, relevant committee or other organisation with a request for a response to the points made by the petitioner. The response received will be reported to the Assembly for information and forwarded to the petition's organiser. The prayer of the petition and the response received will be published in the appropriate Assembly Minutes.

#### **4. Petitions to be presented**

4.1 Notice of the following petitions has been received:

4.2 A petition, received by **Navin Shah AM**, is to be presented to the London Assembly, in accordance with Standing Orders 3.20 to 3.21, saying:

**'We the undersigned are concerned at the high levels of harmful exhaust emissions, including Nitrogen Dioxide, from diesel engine buses on Chamberlayne Road.**

**We call on the Mayor of London (Chair, TfL), Leon Daniels (MD, TfL), Cllr Muhammed Butt (Brent Council) to introduce low emission hybrid buses on all 7 bus routes through Chamberlayne Road by March 2016.'**

The petition has 1,100 signatories.

The contact person for this petition is Rick Smith, Kensal Rise Residents' Association (KKRA), 146 Chamberlayne Road, NW10 3JR.

[Note: This petition is associated with an e-petition hosted by Change.org which sets out a further 276 signatures.]

- 4.3 A petition, received by **Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM**, is to be presented to the London Assembly, in accordance with Standing Orders 3.20 to 3.21, saying:

**'I urge the Mayor not to proceed with the scrapping of all 1000 Police Community support officers.'**

The petition has 2,473 signatories.

The contact person for this petition is Pete Dollimore, 96 Uxbridge Road, Hayes, UB4 OJH.

- 4.4 A petition, received by **Darren Johnson AM**, is to be presented to the London Assembly, in accordance with Standing Orders 3.20 to 3.21, saying:

**'In the first half of 2015, lorries were involved in all but one of the cycling fatalities in London.'**

**Collisions with lorries are the biggest cause of cyclist deaths.**

**Sign the petition – tell London's Mayor to get lethal lorries off our roads and:**

- **A rush hour lorry ban;**
- **Improved driver visions; and**
- **Stronger enforcement.'**

The petition has 13,022 signatories.

The contact person for this petition is Simon Munk, London Cycling Campaign, 2 Newhams Row, London, SE1 3UZ.

- 4.5 A petition, received by **Jennette Arnold OBE AM**, is to be presented to the London Assembly, in accordance with Standing Orders 3.20 to 3.21, saying:

**'Transport for London (TfL) has announced plans to replace the two lifts at Caledonian Road Tube Station, which will result in the closure of the station for 8 months from 4th January 2016 until mid-August 2016.'**

**Islington Council has written to TfL making it clear that this plan is not good enough.**

**We the undersigned request that the Mayor of London instructs TfL to consider the following options –**

- **Repair one lift at time to keep the station open;**
- **Find a way to repair two lifts in far less than 8 months.**

**We also call for the Mayor of London to urgently review TfL's decision and to investigate how such a decision was taken without consultation with local residents or the local council.'**

The petition has 558 signatories.

The contact person for this petition is Cllr Paul Smith, c/o Islington Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD.

## 5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 By virtue of sections 59, 34 and 53 of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), the Assembly has the power to do what is recommended in this report.
- 5.2 Under Standing Order 3.20 the petitions presented to the Assembly, together with the pages containing the names and addresses of the signatories to the petition, are documents to which the access to information rules from sections 100A - H and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 apply.
- 5.3 Any applications from Members to see the names and addresses of the signatories to the petition will be considered by the Executive Director of the Secretariat on a case by case basis and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Data Protection Act 1988.

## 6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

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**List of appendices to this report:** None.

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
List of Background Papers: None.
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