

# Subject: Petitions

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

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 2 November 2016**

**This report will be considered in public**

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out details of a petition to be presented at this meeting by an Assembly Member.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly receives and notes the petitions listed at section 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. Petition to be presented**

- 4.1 Notice of the following petitions have been received:
- 4.2 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:

**"We the undersigned call on TfL and the London Mayor to improve the capacity of the H14 bus route – Hatch End to Northwick Park Hospital – by changing the service specification from single decker to double decker buses. There is considerable over-crowding on the service at peak hours already, and there will be a consequential increase in passenger numbers once the construction of the large housing estate on the former Kodak sports ground is completed in the next 12 months"**

The petition has 156 signatories.

The contact person for this petition is: Sanjay Karia, 143 Long Elmes, Harrow Weald, Middlesex, HA3 5LB.

- 4.3 A petition, received by **Tom Copley AM**, is to be presented to the London Assembly, in accordance with Standing orders 3.20 to 3.21, saying:

**“We the undersigned call on TfL and the Mayor of London to re-instate the rush-hour Central Line services on ‘the Hainault Loop’ which were axed with effect from Monday 8 August 2016.**

**The effect of these cuts has been to leave hundreds of passengers who commute to work from Roding Valley, Grange Hill, and Chigwell tube stations with a service which is not fit for purpose. For instance, passengers who miss the 7.21am service (timed at Roding Valley) now have to wait over 45 minutes until 8.09am for the next through-train to London. This is because, without any consultation with local people or councillors, TfL halved the number of tube trains (from 6 trains to 3) running through these 3 stations during the key period of 7.30 – 8.30am. This unwarranted attack comes at a time when passenger usage of this section of the Central Line has increased by over 20% - surely more passengers should mean more trains, not a 50% cut in our rush hour service!**

**We call also on the Mayor of London to fulfil his commitment to represent all those who live and / or work in London. What message does it send to working people for the Mayor to preside over drastic cuts to our transport system when most service users, particularly at the affected times, are simply trying to get to work to provide for their families and to contribute to London life, whether by working in essential public services, or helping enrich London’s economy if they work in the private sector? Having publicly stated that #LondonIsOpen, the Mayor needs to support working people, like us, who help make that a reality.”**

The petition has 1,535 signatories.

The contact person for this petition is: Caroline Milton, 60 Chestnut Avenue, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, IG9 6EP.

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

**“We the undersigned call on TfL to reconsider its plans to rename the 82 bus the ‘13’ and remove the 13 bus route, thereby reducing the frequency of buses along the Finchley Road.”**

The petition has 1,724 signatories.

[Note: This petition is associated with an e-petition hosted by [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) which sets out a further 146 signatures.]

The contact person for this petition is: Tara Aleck, 36 Taylor Court, Dorman Way, NW8 0SB.

## **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.

---

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

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
List of Background Papers: None.
Contact Officer: Vishal Seegoolam, Principal Committee Manager Telephone: 020 7983 4425 Email: vishal.seegoolam@london.gov.uk