

Subject: Petitions

Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 21 December 2017

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 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; and

(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 have been received:

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

“Concerns over the Metropolitan Police Service’s plan to amalgamate Westminster with Kensington and Chelsea and Hammersmith and Fulham will drain our neighbourhoods of local officers. We call upon the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to rethink his plans to merge local police teams with other boroughs.”

The petition has 1295 signatories.

The contact person for this petition is: Ed Prior, 90 Ebury Street, London, SW1W 9QD.

It is recommended that this petition be referred to the Mayor.

4.3 A petition, received by **Shaun Bailey 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 Transport for London to propose a new bus route to operate between North Greenwich and Kidbrooke Village in order to increase bus capacity in the Blackheath area and reduce overcrowding on existing routes such as the 132, 108 and 422.

Bus routes from North Greenwich to the south of the Royal Borough of Greenwich are already full to capacity at rush hour, with many people having to wait for a second bus at North Greenwich. A new bus route is desperately needed just to cope with current demand.

The Kidbrooke Village development will lead to a huge population increase to the south of Blackheath. Some parts of the development are now complete with residents moving in and more homes being proposed. As a result, demand on local public transport, such as the 132 and rail services from Kidbrooke Station, will only increase on these already full services.

Cities are built on their transport networks and it is paramount the Kidbrooke Village has proper bus connection to Woolwich for Crossrail and North Greenwich for the Jubilee line, this will not only improve the lives of commuters in Kidbrooke Village and help reduce demand on the already under strain Kidbrooke and Blackheath stations”.

The petition has 321 signatures.

The contact for this petition is: Thomas Turrell, 43 Kidbrooke Park Road, London, SE3 0EQ.

It is recommended that this petition be referred to the Mayor in his capacity as Chair of Transport for London.

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.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers: None.

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