

Hudspeth, Shirley

From: Veitch, Alan
Sent: 30 March 2010 17:46
To: Hudspeth, Shirley
Cc: Bridson, Ann A. (Councillor); Mitchell, Dave G. (Councillor)
Subject: FW: PETITION SCHEME

Shirley,

The draft petition scheme was sent to the two Labour chairs of scrutiny committees (plus a reminder), but I have had no response.

The responses received from the Lib Dem Chairs (plus some comments from me) are below:

DAVE MITCHELL

1. Para 4.1 of the report

What would happen to a petition, from a small estate or even an isolated road, that could not reach the required number?.

ANN BRIDSON

1. Draft Petition Scheme (Pages 8 and 9)

Pg 8 (Introduction) mentions 'acknowledgement **within 14 days** of receipt' while Pg 9 mention '**within 10 working days**'. The same timescale should be used. (There are other examples later).

2. Composition of the Scrutiny Programme Board

Pg 9 last para, Scrutiny Programme Board –including **Chairs** of O&S Committees. Is this a fixed arrangement? (I think that the membership of the Scrutiny Programme does not have to include the other five Chairs)

3. E-Petitions

I have some reservations about an electronic petition, may lead to frivolous petitions, easy to collect signatures without considered effort. Can we put in any safeguards?

ALAN VEITCH

1. How will the Council respond to petitions? (Page9)

Who decides on the relevant response?

Should there be a time limit by which the follow-up action should take place? (for example, a meeting take place or research be undertaken, etc..)

2. E-Petitions (Page 11)

Final paragraph states "If you would like to present your e-petition to a meeting of the Council please contact the Democratic Services Manager within five days of the petition closing". That is a very short timescale.

3. E-Petitions (Para 5.2)

I have read that Lambeth are well established using Mod.Gov – so they may have advice.

Also there is the following link on Bristol website which may be useful

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Council-Democracy/Consultations/e-petitions---further-information.en>

Hope that these comments are useful. Please let me know if anything else is required with this.

Alan

From: Hudspeth, Shirley
Sent: 17 March 2010 11:54
To: Veitch, Alan; Mountney, Alison
Cc: Lloyd, Lynn
Subject: PETITION SCHEME

Alan/Alison

I enclose a copy of the report that is to be considered by the Audit and Risk Management Committee and the Cabinet before being referred to the Council meeting on 19 April with a recommendation for adoption, subject to any comments received.

It is also very important that all of the Overview and Scrutiny Chairman have the opportunity to comment on the proposed Petition Scheme. Therefore, will you please forward it to them all for their comments. Please let me have any comments received.

As Lynn is not about will you ensure between you that the Labour Chairman receive this please?

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