

COUNCIL – 20 DECEMBER 2023

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

PETITION – FAIRLANDS VALLEY PARK LIGHTING

The attached petition in respect of Fairlands Valley Park Lighting, submitted by Jennifer Huygen, has been accepted for consideration at this meeting. The petition contains 1,264 signatories (of whom over 1,000 have SG1/SG2 postcodes).

The process for the consideration of petitions is set out in Standing Order 11a of the Council's Constitution, which is reproduced below.

11. Petitions and Deputations

a. Petitions

- (i)** The provisions of the Council's Petition Scheme (Appendix B) apply.
- (ii)** In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 20 of the Petition Scheme, where a petition has been submitted and contains 1,000 signatures or more, if it is considered appropriate it will be debated at Council (unless it is a petition asking for a senior council officer to give evidence at a public meeting or is excluded from the Scheme as it relates to a Planning or Licensing matter).
- (iii)** The Petition will be included on the agenda for the next ordinary meeting of the Council.
- (iv)** The petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be open for general discussion by Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes. However, in the event that a Motion is moved and seconded the rules of debate will apply (see Standing Order 19).
- (v)** By way of a Motion being carried the Council may decide to take the action the petition requests, not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee.
- (vi)** Unless dealt with by way of a motion, the petition will thereafter be referred by the relevant Strategic Director who will consult with the Executive Member who has responsibility for the matter concerned to establish what action should be taken.
- (vii)** The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of any decision taken. This confirmation will also be published on our website.
- (viii)** The Mayor may decide that no petition shall appear before Council within six months after a deputation or petition has appeared before it with the same or like objective; or to accept a petition at Council that has less than the 1000 signatures, in which case paragraphs (iii) – (vii) above apply.