

APPENDIX 2

PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE RECEIVED	REF	FROM	ISSUE	FORWARDED TO	ACTION TO DATE
21.04.16 Submitted to Councillor Hood	6/16	Residents of Kibblesworth	Petition regarding the quality of the broadband service in Kibblesworth	Strategic Director, Corporate Resources	<p>The issue has been raised with BT and they confirmed that their network infrastructure in Kibblesworth is included in the programme to be upgraded so that superfast broadband can be made available there.</p> <p>The work to install the new fibre optic cabling and equipment has commenced and progress on the installation work can be tracked by entering a postcode on the Openreach website- www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk</p> <p>Virgin Media are continuing to review the position taking into account the potential for new housing to be built in the area, and their internal planning team have reported that the review is looking positive.</p> <p>The ward councillors have been notified of the position.</p> <p>It is proposed that this petition be removed from the schedule.</p>
6.07.16 Submitted to Communities	8/16	Residents of Greenside	Petition requesting a zebra crossing on Lead Road, Greenside	Strategic Director, Communities	The content of the petition is currently being considered by officers.

and Environment				and Environment	Ward members and the Cabinet member for Environment and Transport will be advised of the response intended to be subsequently sent to the lead petitioner.
9.07.16 Submitted to Councillor Caffrey	9/16	Residents of Rowlands Gill	Petition in support of Rowlands Gill Library remaining open.	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment	The petition has been acknowledged and is being considered by officers. A public consultation regarding the review of the library service is running until 8 October. The petition will be fed into this consultation, the findings of which will be reported to Cabinet in November 2016.
14.07.16 Submitted at the Council meeting by Councillor Duggan	10/16	Residents of Low Fell	Petition requesting improvements to street cleaning in Low Fell	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment	A full response has been sent to the lead petitioner and local members addressing the requests and concerns raised. The area has been inspected and photographed for litter and few issues were identified. Further inspections will continue. Some requests raised in the petition are currently being met albeit unknowingly to the petitioners. Some requests are not feasible given the current financial climate. This information has been fed back to the lead petitioner along with photographs of the area and a response is awaited on how the petition can be taken forward.
4.08.2016 Submitted via the Council's online petition's site.	11/16	Residents of Gateshead	Petition in support of Whickham Library remaining open and requesting that the current staffing levels continue to be funded.	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment	The petition has been acknowledged and is being considered by officers. A public consultation regarding the review of the library service is running until 08 October. The petition will be fed into this consultation, the findings of which will be reported to Cabinet in November 2016.
25.08.2016 Submitted via	12/16	Residents of Gateshead	Petition requesting that the Council stops entrusting the	Strategic Director,	The petition has been acknowledged .and is being considered by officers. The

the Council's online petition's site.			running of libraries in Gateshead to volunteers.	Communities and Environment	Council is currently conducting a review of the library service and a public consultation is open until 8 October 2016. The findings of the consultation and petitions will be reported to Cabinet in November 2016.
30.09.16 Submitted via the Council's online petition's site.	14/16	Residents of Gateshead	Petition requesting a pedestrian crossing on Queen Elizabeth Avenue near to the Emergency Care Centre, QE Hospital.	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment	Provision of a zebra crossing at this location has already been included within the current year's capital highways delivery programme. Informal consultation has been undertaken and requisite legal procedures will shortly commence. An update will be provided to local ward members and the cabinet member with responsibility for transport issues prior to a response being sent to the lead petitioner. It is proposed that this petition be removed from the schedule.
24.08.16 Submitted to The Gateshead Housing Company	13/16	Petition from residents of Ventnor Gardens	Petition complaining about the height of trees in neighbouring properties and asking for them to be cut back to a reasonable height.	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment/ The Gateshead Housing Company	The petition raised concerns about the large trees at the rear of numbers 37-75, which belong to a private property. Residents have raised concerns that the trees are blocking out light and have also caused some damage to a boundary wall. Officers are working with the lead petitioner and maintaining regular contact. The Council's Arboriculture Officer has visited a number of properties to establish which of them have been affected.

				<p>Appropriate work is also being considered under the High Hedge legislation. Once this is assessed the Council will contact the property owner to discuss the situation and agree the relevant steps to improve the appearance of the trees.</p> <p>The ward members have been provided with an update and will continue to be updated as the matter progresses.</p>
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<p>12.11.2012 Submitted by Cllr A Douglas</p>	<p>45/12</p>	<p>Petition received from residents of East Street flats</p>	<p>Petition regarding replacement of windows</p>	<p>The Gateshead Housing Company</p>	<p>The Company and Council are working with partners to explore all options for work to multi-storey blocks, including insulation and window replacement. The lead petitioner was updated as part of the November 'Multi-storey Service Improvement Group' meeting. An update was provided on the Town Centre heating scheme (CHP), approved by cabinet. Details on the CHP will be developed in conjunction with the Council after which further updates will be provided to residents in these blocks.</p> <p>Preparatory work to connect these blocks to the CHP is ongoing. Further funding opportunities to support additional energy measures are to be explored alongside the proposed future capital programme.</p>
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