

APPENDIX 2

PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE RECEIVED	REF	FROM	ISSUE	FORWARDED TO	ACTION TO DATE
6.07.16 Submitted to Communities and Environment	8/16	Residents of Greenside	Petition requesting a zebra crossing on Lead Road, Greenside	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment	The content of the petition is currently being considered by officers. 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 petitions have been acknowledged and are being considered by officers. A public consultation regarding the review of the library service ended on 8 October. The petitions have been fed into this consultation and the findings are included in the report on the Library Service Review included in the agenda for this meeting of the Cabinet.
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.		
25.08.2016 Submitted via the Council's online petition's site.	12/16	Residents of Gateshead	Petition stating 'no to volunteer libraries' and requesting that the Council stops entrusting the running of libraries in Gateshead to volunteers.		
04.10.16 Submitted to Communities and Environment	15/16	Petitions from Residents of Felling and local schoolchildren	Petition to Save Felling Library		

07.10.16 Submitted to Councillor Wheeler	16/16	Petition from residents of Pelaw	Petition objecting to the possible closure of Pelaw Library and the option to remove staff and insert volunteers.		
10.10.16 Submitted by Councillor McCartney	17/16	Petition from residents of Crawcrook and surrounding communities	Petition requesting that Crawcrook Library remains open.		
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	Officers are currently working with the lead petitioner, a local councillor and members of the local business community to consider proposals for locally funded, enhanced cleansing service provision on Low Fell's main street and commercial areas. 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 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. The hedge has been inspected by the Council's Arboricultural Officer. He has reported that the hedge may be dealt with using High Hedge legislation with regard to the light issues. However, the legislation is not appropriate to use to deal with the damage to the walls as it

					only allows the Council to prune the hedge. In order to deal with the damage to the wall, it is considered more appropriate to remove the hedge. The Council is now in the process of contacting the land owner to arrange a meeting to discuss the damage to the wall. Following this meeting the lead petitioner and the ward councillors will be updated on progress.
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The Gateshead Housing Company

12.11.2012 Submitted by Cllr A Douglas	45/12	Petition received from residents of East Street flats	Petition regarding replacement of windows	The Gateshead Housing Company	<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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