

Saddleworth and Lees District Executive

Petitions

Report of the Borough Solicitor

19 June 2014

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Reason for Decision

The District Executive is requested to note the action to be taken on the received petition below, in line with the Petitions Protocol. The District Executive is also asked to note the amendments to the Petitions Protocol, subject to agreement at Annual Council. The revised Petitions Protocol will be circulated subject to agreement at Annual Council following that meeting.

Petitions Received:

Reference 2014-002: Flooding Issues on Churchill Playing Fields, received 6th April 2014 with 1 signature.

Reference 2014-004: Resident Only Parking Request for Stanley Street / Walkers Lane with 14 signatures received 24 April 2014

Changes to the Petitions Protocol:

The District Executive is asked to the amendments subject to agreement at Annual Council on 11th June. The amendments to the protocol are:

- 1) If relevant to a specific locality, within five days of receipt of the petition by the Council, the Chair of the District Executive will convene a meeting inviting the ward members, the appropriate officer and the Executive Director. The meeting is to take place within 21 calendar days of receipt of the petition.
- 2) With regard to the option to refer to the appropriate Executive Director to investigate and attempt to resolve, or agree and alternative action within the District Executive's power, this is to be done in consultation with the relevant Executive Member.

Recommendations:

1. The District Executive is recommended to either:
 - Refer the petition to the appropriate Executive Director to investigate and attempt to resolve, or;
 - Agree an alternative action within the District Executive's power.
2. The District Executive is asked to note the amendments to the Petitions Protocol if approved at Annual Council.