

PRESENTATION OF PETITION PURSUANT TO PROCEDURE RULE 11

1 PETITION

- 1.1 Pursuant to Council Procedure Rules a petition has been received from Mr Richard Lambourne containing 977 signatures. Although the petition did not reach the threshold (1,500) at which it should be debated at Full Council it was decided, nonetheless, that it be presented to Full Council along with the petition 'Against the Closure of Hockley Public Toilets'. The detail of the petition is as follows:-
- 1.2 Title: Against the transfer of maintenance of Crown Hill Public Toilets to Rayleigh Town Council and the closure of the existing building.
- 1.3 Further Details: This concerns the plan for all public toilets, with the exception of those at Hockley Woods to be disposed of either by closure and sale, or through transfer of the asset upon a long-term lease to the relevant Town/Parish Council. The disposal of these assets to be completed by April 2018.
- 1.4 Local residents would like the refurbishment of the existing building and continuing maintenance under Rochford District Council's existing cleaning contract. They want to retain use of this building as a free to use public toilet.
- 1.5 Rochford District Council wants to transfer the maintenance to Rayleigh Town Council and build a new block of toilets on the land adjacent to the existing toilets on Crown Hill, Rayleigh. The existing building will be 'gutted' and used for currently 'undefined' purposes. In residents' views, they do not wish to see the closure of the existing toilets and would like the current toilets refurbished instead. Residents demand that this be addressed in Council where fully costed proposals be presented for the Crown Hill toilets to be refurbished and maintained by the District Council for an indefinite period, without the decision being forced upon local residents and visitors.
- 1.6 The petition can be found on the Council's website at:-

<https://rochford.cmis.uk.com/rochford/EPetitions/tabid/90/ID/28/Against-the-transfer-of-maintenance-of-Crown-Hill-Public-Toilets-to-Rayleigh-Town-Council-and-the-closure-of-the-existing-building.aspx>

2 PROCEDURE

Presentation by Petition Organiser

- 2.1 In accordance with Procedure Rules the petition organiser or a person acting on their behalf will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to present the petition.

Debate

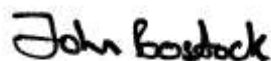
- 2.2 Members will be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes for debate. Debate should be directed to action required by the petition. The petition relates to matters that fall within the District Council's remit.
- 2.3 A period of Purdah will commence from 11 December 2017 during the By-Election for the Downhall and Rawreth Ward, which does not preclude the continuation of Council business but means that Members should be mindful of this.

Response Following Debate

- 2.4 Following debate the Council will decide how to respond to the petition by either:-
- Taking the action requested in the petition.
 - Not taking the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or
 - Commissioning further investigation into the matter.

Notification of Response

- 2.5 The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of the decision made and this will be published on the Council's website.



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Background Papers:-

None.

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