

Extract from Council Constitution June 2021

Petitions

4.29 Petitions regarding matters affecting the area or the functions of the Council or relating to consultation exercises or pursuant to specific legislation may be accepted at the start of an Ordinary Council meeting or a Committee. Petitions will not be considered at the Annual Meeting of Council or at Extraordinary Meetings of Council unless the Extraordinary Council Meeting is convened to consider the subject matter of the petition.

4.30 Petitions must be 'signed' (in person or by name if electronic) by at least 5,000 petitioners and contain the name and contact details of the 'petition organiser'.

4.31 Petitions must relate to the functions of the Council and the area of Cheshire East. Petitions will not be accepted that are considered by the Monitoring Officer to be:

- inappropriate, frivolous, derogatory, offensive, vexatious or otherwise improper;
- related to a Council employment or staffing matter;
- potentially defamatory; or
- substantially the same as any question submitted to a meeting of Council during the preceding 6 months.

4.32 Petitions will be referred to the relevant Committee with or without debate.

4.33 Further information on submitting a petition can be found on the Council's website.