

Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>Council</b>  17 July 2019	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Petitions to Council for presentation.</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services Zoe Folley, Democratic Services
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards

## SUMMARY

1. This report sets out details of the valid petitions submitted for presentation at the Council meeting on Wednesday 17 July 2019.
2. The Council's Constitution provides for up to four petitions to be heard at each ordinary Council meeting. These are taken in order of receipt, except that petitions for debate (those in excess of 2,000 signatures) will take precedence. Should more than four petitions be received, all remaining petitions will be listed to be formally noted by Council.
3. One petition for debate has been received and is the subject of the next report.
4. Two petitions have been received for presentation at the meeting and the following process applies to these petitions:
  - a. Petitioners may address the meeting for no more than 3 minutes.
  - b. Members may then question the petitioners for a further 4 minutes.
  - c. Finally, the speaker will invite the Mayor or (at the Mayor's discretion) the relevant Lead Member or Committee Chair to respond to the petition for up to 2 minutes. The petition will then be referred to the relevant Corporate Director for attention who will provide a written response within 28 days of the date of the meeting.
5. Members, other than a Cabinet Member or Committee Chair responding at the end of the item, should confine their contributions to questions and not make statements or attempt to debate.

6. For Petitions listed as to be noted, petitioners may not address the meeting. The Speaker will state where they will go for a full response.
7. Responses to all petitions will be sent to the lead petitioner and displayed on the Council's website.

## **PETITIONS TO BE HEARD**

### **5.1 Petition regarding CCTV in Tower Hamlets submitted by Jodie Brown and others.**

We want more CCTV cameras installed in Tower Hamlets and a review of where they are currently located, many areas in Tower Hamlets have few or no CCTV cameras especially areas that have seen lots of change in the last few years. But we see reports from Tower Hamlets Council and Tower Hamlets Police almost every day about arrests they make with the help of the Councils CCTV network. We want our local Police teams to have the same assistance.

We ask the Council to build new permanent cameras using the money they have from developments locally and buy more temporary cameras which can be moved around to cover hot spots.

In the Safer Neighbourhood ward panel meeting in April 2018 at the Docklands Sailing centre Robin Payne, then employed by Tower Hamlets Council promised a review of CCTV cameras in the summer of 2018 and we ask that work be completed as promised.

We know that Virgin Media and Hyperoptic have been installing new fibre optic cables across Tower Hamlets dramatically

### **5.2 Petition regarding Stop the closure of Raines Foundation Secondary School submitted by Laura Gibson and others**

Raines Foundation a Church of England Secondary school is facing closure by Tower Hamlets council we are trying to get as many people to sign this petition to stop this from happening.

Raines is one of the only two Church of England secondary schools in Tower Hamlets it has a long history and has just celebrated its 300th year.

This proposed closure had not been discussed with parents or some members of staff we was all in the dark until the application was discovered online and shared by many on social media.

The school has been making significant improvements since September of last year when and Mr Woods became the first executive headmaster however it was known by the council that there was issues for many years and it was not acted on until after the council was already in talks to apply for the closure. The way this has been handled by the local authority is

disgraceful. It has caused a huge amount of stress and worry for the students some of whom are in the process of preparing for their GCSEs. The students that had accepted a place in year 7 for this coming September now have to find a new school or join Oaklands Secondary school and the existing students are in limbo until the decision is made on if the closure is to go ahead.

Raines Foundation has been a part of the community for 300 years and now faces closure please sign to show your support for the school, students and staff so we can try and prevent this from happening.

### **PETITIONS TO BE NOTED**

None.