

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2012

PETITIONS

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE HEAD,
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

SUMMARY

1. The Council's Constitution provides for up to three petitions to be received at each Council Meeting. These are taken in order of receipt. This report sets out the valid petitions submitted for presentation at the Council meeting on Wednesday 28th November 2012.
2. The deadline for receipt of petitions for this meeting is noon on Thursday 22nd November. However, at the time of agenda despatch the maximum number of petitions has already been received as set out overleaf.
3. In each case the petitioners may address the meeting for no more than three minutes. Members may then question the petitioners for a further four minutes. Finally, the relevant Cabinet Member or Chair of Committee may respond to the petition for up to three minutes.
4. Any outstanding issues will be referred to the relevant Corporate Director for attention who will respond to those outstanding issues in writing within 28 days.
5. Members should confine their contributions to questions and answers and not make statements or attempt to debate.

5.1 Brodick House – Decent Homes (Petition from residents of Brodick House)

We the undersigned residents call on Mayor Lutfur Rahman to commit the funding needed to begin to bring Brodick House up to the Decent Homes Standard with new kitchens and bathrooms in the next 12 months, as well as an improved communal heating system and the external repairs needed to stop the cold wind and rain getting into our flats.

5.2 Save Our Advice Centres (Petition from Ms Maria Dillon and Tower Hamlets Labour Party)

We the undersigned call on the Mayor of Tower Hamlets to reverse his decision to cut funding for Tower Hamlets' vital advice centres by up to 75%. Without this funding many of these well used centres will have to reduce their services at the same time as demand for their services is growing as a result of the government's Housing and Welfare Changes.

5.3 Tower Hamlets Clean Streets Petition (Petition from Mr Chris Weavers and Tower Hamlets Labour Party)

We the undersigned call on the Mayor of Tower Hamlets to reverse street cleaning cuts, scrap charges for clearing waste from street corners and scrap charges for pest control.