

<p style="text-align: center;">Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20 September 2017</p>	
<p>Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Petitions to be Presented to Council</p>	

SUMMARY

1. The Council's Constitution provides for up to three petitions to be presented at each ordinary 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 20 September 2017.
2. The deadline for receipt of petitions for this meeting is noon on Thursday 14 September 2017. However, at the time of agenda despatch the maximum number of petitions has already been received as set out overleaf.
3. The text of the petitions received for presentation to this meeting are set out in the attached report. 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. The petition will then be referred to the relevant Corporate Director for attention who will provide a written response within 28 days.
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.

5.1 Petition regarding PCNs and vehicle removal (Petition from Sumsul Talukder Tareq) Petition to be presented at the meeting by Councillor Oliur Rahman

We are the local residents undersign this petition calling on Mayor John Biggs to review the parking policy of Tower Hamlets. The current parking policy allows for the vehicle to be removed 30 minutes after PCN has been issued, even if the vehicle is not causing danger or significant obstruction. We feel it is totally unacceptable and the council is penalising residents financially. We are asking the Mayor to review and make immediate changes to the policy.

5.2 Petition regarding Play on Sports (Petition from Callum Wear)

My business Play On Sports Ltd, has been entrenched in the Tower Hamlets community for 13 years now, consistently delivering over 100,000 sports opportunities to the community on an annual basis. We deliver indoor Cricket, netball, volleyball, football, badminton, dodgeball, fitness programmes, padel tennis and hockey to name just a few, and believe our product is not just a luxury but rather a necessary amenity in the community.

We are the second home to locals young and old. Our family orientated and inclusive community based delivery model allows us to form a community hub with an emphasis on allowing a person to feel at home, get active and try something they would normally never get the opportunity to do. With a new home not only could we continue to aid our community with our delivery but we would be able to increase and adapt to more demand with stability.

We are a small business with a Registered Charitable Arm. However, the benefit is that we have developed a model where we do not rely on charity or donations. By having a charitable arm, we have managed to develop many relationships and opened our doors to the community.

The issue is that come 13th June, we will no longer be able to deliver sports and leisure opportunities and Tower Hamlets will lose a very valuable resource for keeping people active. We seek a representation on the council to state our case for relocation or inclusion in another location within Tower Hamlets in order to be able to deliver these sports opportunities.

5.3 Petition regarding ASB and RSLs (Petition from Mr Aatur Rahman Chowdhury)

We, the undersigned local residents, forwarding this petition to the Executive Mayor of the Tower Hamlets Council to take appropriate action against all the Registered social Landlords Including Tower Hamlets Homes for failing to control their estates from being used for delivering and consuming illegal drugs, alcohol, gang fighting, removing abandoned vehicles and all sorts of Anti-social behaviour including stabbings and knife crime. We particularly thanks to our dedicated councillor Mr Muhammad Mustaquim to come forward and extend his help all the times.

Our under age children's are not safe from the attraction of those youths who are involved with Anti-social behaviour in the estate of many RSLs. We demand to the Mayor to take appropriate action against RSL and Landlords who failed to control nuisance tenants, RSL who breach their statutory duty, RSL who fails to take reasonable remedies and preventative measures, dispute resolution and mediation, fails to issue appropriate Parenting Orders to control their disruptive children and finally issue injunctions and eviction if necessary to protect the enjoyment of the property of other tenants and residents.