


Non-Executive Report of the: Council Wednesday 18 November 2020	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance	Classification: Unrestricted
Petitions to Council for presentation.	

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services
Wards affected	All wards

SUMMARY

1. This report sets out details of the valid petitions submitted for presentation at the Council meeting on Wednesday 18th November 2020.
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. Three 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.
4. 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. For Petition listed as to be noted, petitioners may not address the meeting. The Speaker will state where they will go for a full response.
6. 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 requesting all options to be investigated to fully refurbish and update St George's Pools submitted by Amanda Day and others

In the spirit of invest to save, will the Mayor agree to set up a working group of officers, councillors and residents to conduct a feasibility study.

5.2 Petition requesting an enquiry into the treatment of residents at Aspen Court Care Home submitted by Amanda Henry and others

We are calling for an enquiry into the treatment of residents at Aspen Court care home.

5.3 Petition regarding Hold a referendum on 6th May 2021 to replace the 'Directly Elected Mayor and a cabinet' system by a 'Leader and cabinet' system submitted by Khwaja Qureshi and others

We the undersigned petition the council to:

1. Debate at a Full Council meeting a change in governance arrangements and hold a referendum to replace the 'Directly Elected Mayor and a cabinet' system by a 'Leader and Cabinet' form of governance.
2. Pass a resolution at the Full Council to hold a referendum to replace the 'Directly Elected Mayor and a cabinet' system by a 'Leader and Cabinet' form of governance.
3. Hold a referendum on 6th May 2021 to replace the 'Directly Elected Mayor and a cabinet' system by a 'Leader and Cabinet' form of governance.

PETITIONS TO BE NOTED

There are none.