


Non-Executive Report of the: Council 16 th November 2022	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer	Classification: Unrestricted
Petitions to Council	

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 and debate at this Council meeting. The text of the petitions received are set out in the attached report.
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.
 - a. There are two petitions to be heard
 - i. Asking for the removal of road closures
 - ii. Request for improved cleaning
 - b. There are no petitions to be debated or noted.

PETITIONS TO BE HEARD

3. For Petitions listed as to be heard:
 - 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. Responses to all petitions will be sent to the lead petitioner and displayed on the Council's website.

5.1 Petition regarding the removal of road closures

We the undersigned call for the Mayor to follow through and undo the road closures which have increased traffic, congestion, made the life of residents especially the disabled / elderly difficult and prevented the emergency services access whilst bringing no benefit to the borough whatsoever. Residents are not rat runners.

5.2 Petition regarding improved street cleaning

We, the undersigned, who either live, work or use facilities in Tower Hamlets hereby petition for a step change in cleaning especially Vallance Road, Brick Lane, Whitechapel High Street, Whitechapel Market and Old Montague Street. We request regular deep cleaning, involving of shopkeepers and businesses in the clean agenda as well as investment in our parks and open spaces so the quality of life can improve.