

## COUNCIL

26 SEPTEMBER 2023

### REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

#### A.1 E-PETITION TO COUNCIL: WASTE MANAGEMENT

(Report prepared by Ian Ford)

In accordance with the Council's approved scheme for dealing with petitions, I formally report the receipt of an e-petition submitted by Sharon Tyler, as lead petitioner on 18 August 2023. The e-petition is validly signed by 33 persons and states:-

*"We the undersigned petition the Council to seek alternative solutions to waste collection in the district, specifically, that the issuing of lilac coloured rubbish bags to volunteer litter picking groups is changed so that these sacks do not go to landfill, wheelie bins are issued for household recycling doorstep collection and that more public bins are installed in Towns and along the Seafronts."*

The petitioners' justification for this e-petition is that:-

*"Wheelie bins for recycling rather than boxes would be more effective and make the collection process more efficient. Currently Veolia empty the boxes into a wheelie bin before emptying contents into the lorry. This is inefficient. The boxes and lids often get damaged and blown away or stolen meaning the Council must have a constant supply of new ones. Wheelie bins would be more efficient because the contents are kept safely inside until emptied and they are more robust. We also need more bins in the town and on the seafront that are separated by litter type to reduce what goes to landfill. There would be an initial cost for household recycling wheelie bins but this would be offset in cost savings made in dealing with litter more effectively. The lilac sacks from litter picking need to be changed so this litter doesn't go directly to landfill."*

In accordance with the Council's approved scheme for dealing with petitions, this matter will now be investigated and a report will be prepared and presented to the Cabinet on the basis that it contains between 30 and 500 signatures and relates to a matter that is an Executive function under the law.

Members will be aware that the next practicable ordinary meeting of the Cabinet is on 6 October 2023.

At that meeting, and in accordance with the Council's approved scheme, Ms Tyler, the lead petitioner, will be invited to address the Cabinet, explain the petition and outline the action that the petitioners would like the Council to take. Members will then discuss the petition and decide what action, if any, should be taken. Cabinet's decision will be confirmed in writing to Ms. Tyler and the decision will be published on the Council's website via the Minutes of that meeting.

As the sole purpose of this report under the Petitions Scheme is to inform Council of the receipt of Ms Tyler's petition, it is therefore:-

**RECOMMENDED - That the contents of this report be received and noted.**

**IAN DAVIDSON  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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