

Appendix 2

Proposed Amendments to the Warwickshire County Council Standing Order 35

35. PETITIONS - Public Rights under the Petition Scheme

35.1 Members of the public have a right to petition the council in accordance with the petitions scheme approved by the full council.

35.2 On receipt of a petition which meets the requirements of the scheme the democratic services manager will notify the appropriate portfolio holder, ~~strategic-Executive De~~director and, if appropriate, the local member of the receipt of the petition and its subject matter.

35.3 The democratic services manager will, where the relevant threshold within the scheme is met, make arrangements for the petition to be included on the agenda of the next available meeting of the body concerned. The petition organiser or a person they nominate will have a right to speak for up to five minutes in support of the petition at that meeting. A petition may only be presented once.

35.4 Following presentation of the petition to the meeting next steps will be confirmed to the petition organiser in line with the provisions of the petitions scheme and the petition will normally be referred to ~~the a~~ relevant ~~strategic Executive d~~Director or ~~chief other senior~~ officer for consideration and response. The ~~strategic-Executive De~~director will normally advise the petitions organiser within 10 working days of the meeting of the action proposed to be taken in response to the petition.

35.5 Where more than one petition is received in time for a particular meeting, supporting the same outcome on a particular matter (duplicate petitions), each petition organiser will be treated as an independent petition organiser, but only the petition organiser of the first petition to be received will be invited to address the relevant meeting.