

REPORT FOR: **COUNCIL**

Date of Meeting:	26 February 2015
Subject:	Petition Scheme
Responsible Officer:	Hugh Peart Director of Legal and Governance Services
Exempt:	No
Wards affected:	None
Enclosures:	Appendix 1 – Proposed Petition Scheme Appendix 2 – Proposed changes to the Constitution

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out a proposal to amend and simplify the Council's Petition Scheme and to make minor amendments to the Constitution.

Recommendations:

That Council consider and decide whether to approve the proposed revised Petition Scheme and other constitutional changes.

Section 2 – Report

Background

The Petition Scheme is contained in Appendix A to the Council Procedure Rules. It was introduced in July 2010 and has now been reviewed.

The proposed scheme sets out the essential requirements for a petition and how they should be submitted. Petitions with over 2000 signatures are considered at a full Council meeting.

It is also proposed to make some minor amendments to the constitution as shown in Appendix 2.

Financial Implications

No additional financial resources are required.

Risk Management Implications

Risk included on Directorate risk register? No

Separate risk register in place? No

Equalities implications

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No

Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

The Petition Scheme allows all those who live, work or study in the borough to set up and /or sign petitions on matters of concern to them.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Steve Tingle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 13.02.15		
Name: Caroline Eccles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 13.02.15		

Ward Councillors notified:	NO
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Caroline Eccles, Senior Lawyer – Employment and Governance, tel: 0208 424 7580

Background Papers: None.

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	NO
2.	Priorities	YES