

## **GOVERNANCE & AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

(from 27 June 2013)

GAS

### **Modification to the Petitions Scheme (Minute 38 refers)**

The report by the Local Democracy Manager, is set out on pages 1 to 3 of the appendices.

### **RECOMMENDED to Council**

- 1. That the petition scheme be changed so that Petitions for debate submitted with the support of at least 500 signatures, be reported to and considered by the relevant decision making Body of the Council, (or the Full Council if the petitioner so wishes even if the Full Council is not the relevant decision making body). This is on the basis that the Local Authority through any part of its political management structure (eg Full Council, Cabinet or Portfolio holder) has not already considered the matter which is the subject of the petition within the preceding 24 months of its submission.**
- 2. That further to 1. above, for petitions received on matters that have been considered by the Local Authority within the preceding 24 months following submission, at least 1000 signatures would be required to trigger a debate by the appropriate decision making Body of the Council, including the Full Council, if the petitioner so wishes, even if the Full Council is not the relevant decision making body.**
- 3. That the City Solicitor be authorised to make the requisite changes to the scheme and associated supporting documents to reflect the above:**
- 4. That Standing Order 13 (f) be amended by the inclusion of the following words in brackets after "receive and debate written petitions" (submitted from the public at least 12 days before the meeting and which contain at least 500 signatures and are on issues either (a) within the power of Full Council or, (b) the petitioner has requested it be debated by Full Council even if Full Council is not the decision making body; this is on the basis that the Local Authority, through any part of its political management structure, has not previously considered the matter which is the subject of the petition within the preceding 24 months following submission.**

**That for petitions concerning issues which the Local Authority has already considered within the preceding 24 months following petition submission, at least 1000 signatures would be required to trigger a Council debate if the matter is within the powers of the Full Council, or the petitioner so requests.**

**(Full Council debates will commence with the lead petitioner being given 6 minutes to present their petition, followed by the Administration proposing its response to the petition and the normal rules of debate applying).**

**GAS Health Scrutiny Panel Terms of Reference  
(Governance and Audit and Standards Minute 43 refers)**

The purpose of the report by the City Solicitor and Strategic Director, set out on pages 5 to 8 of the appendices, is to consider proposed revisions to the terms of reference of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel (HOSP) which needs to be updated following recent changes.

**RECOMMENDED to Council that the proposed changes to the terms of reference of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel, as set out in appendix 2 of the report are approved.**

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Chair