

**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Council – 09 April 2025

**Report Title**

Petitions

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

This report provides Members with a list of all petitions received by Rotherham MBC since the last Council meeting held on 5 March 2025 and details which petitions will be presented by members of the public at this Council meeting.

This report is submitted for Members' awareness of the items to be presented to the Council meeting.

**Recommendations**

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Council receive the petitions listed at paragraph 2.1 of the report and the lead petitioners or their representatives be entitled to address the Council for a total period of five minutes in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme.
3. That the relevant Strategic Director be required to respond to the lead petitioners, as set out in the Petition Scheme, by Friday 25 April 2025.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 – Petition to Lower the Speed Limit from 40mph to 30mph on Sheffield Road / Park hill in Swallownest for Community Safety

Appendix 2 – Petition for Opposition to the Proposed Selective Licensing Scheme for 2025-30 in the Clifton Area

**Background Papers**

None

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

No

**Council Approval Required**

Yes

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## PetitionsPetitions

### 1. Background

- 1.1 The Council refreshed its Petition Scheme in May 2019, following its introduction in 2010 after legislative changes requiring local authorities to respond to petitions. Whilst the Localism Act 2011 repealed that statutory requirement, the Council has maintained its commitment to responding to issues raised by local people and communities in respect of matters within the Council's remit.
- 1.2 The current Petition Scheme sets thresholds for various routes that petitions can take through the decision-making process:-
- Up to 20 signatures – not accepted as a petition.
  - 20 to 599 signatures – five-minute presentation to Council by Lead Petitioner and response by relevant Strategic Director.
  - 600 to 1,999 signatures – five-minute presentation to Council by Lead Petitioner and referral to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for review of the issues, followed by response by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board setting out their findings and recommendations.
  - 2,000 signatures and above – five-minute presentation to Council by Lead Petitioner followed by a 15-minute debate of the petition by the Council.
- 1.3 This report is submitted for information to detail the number of petitions received since the previous Council meeting held on 5 March 2025 and the route that these petitions will take through the Council's decision-making processes.

### 2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The following petitions have been received which met the threshold for presentation to the Council meeting and for a response to be issued by the relevant Strategic Director:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Number of Valid Signatures</b>	<b>Lead Petitioner</b>	<b>Directorate</b>
Petition to lower the Speed Limit from 40mph to 30mph on Sheffield Road / Park Hill in Swallownest for Community Safety.	21 Valid Signatures (8 not valid)	Jessica Sheward	Regeneration and Environment
Proposed Selective Licensing Scheme for 2025-30 and the impact on the Clifton Community.	103 Valid Signatures	Mr. M. Shafiq	Regeneration and Environment

2.2 The details of each petition can be found in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 respectively.

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

3.1 This report is submitted for information and Members are recommended to note the content and resolve that the petition received be administered in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Petition Scheme.

### **4. Consultation on proposal**

4.1 This report is submitted for information in order to detail the petitions received by the Council since the previous Council meeting held on 5 March 2025. There are no consultation issues directly associated with this report.

### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

5.1 Under the provisions of the Council's Petition Scheme, this petition will not be debated. It will be sent to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment to provide a written response.

5.2 The Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment is required to provide a written response to the lead petitioner within 10 working days of the meeting. Responses are therefore due by Friday 25 April 2025.

### **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

6.1 There are no financial or procurement implications directly associated with this report.

### **7. Legal Advice and Implications**

7.1 There are no legal implications directly associated with this report.

### **8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

8.1 There are no human resources implications directly associated with this report.

### **9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

9.1 There are no implications for either children and young people or vulnerable adults directly arising from this report.

### **10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

10.1 There are no specific equalities or human rights implications directly associated with this report.

## 11. **Implications for Ward Priorities**

11.1 There are no direct implications on ward priorities arising from the petition referred to earlier in this report.

## 12. **Implications for Partners**

12.1 There are no known implications for partners arising from the petition referred to earlier in this report.

## 13. **Risks and Mitigation**

13.1 As this report is submitted for information, there are no risks associated with the presentation of information in respect of petitions received.

## 14. **Accountable Officers**

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