
To: Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board

On: 30 November, 2015

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: **Petition: Hamilton Court**

1. Summary

1.1 A petition, comprising around 40 signatures, has been received from Charleston Tenants' Association in the undernoted terms:

"Petition for the Council to take action regarding anti-social behaviour in Hamilton Court, ie threatening behaviour, urinating in lifts and bringing dogs into flats. The reason for this petition is non-action from the Council."

1.2 The Director of Development & Housing Services has intimated that investigations have been undertaken by the Housing Officer regarding threatening behaviour towards residents. However, evidence to substantiate this has yet to be obtained. Community Resources is currently investigating the incident in the lift and has also advised that the communal space area where a patron was observed smoking a cigarette is not considered a public space. Consequently this would not be subject to smoking ban legislation. Further information has been sought regarding a dog being brought into the premises to allow appropriate action to be taken.

1.3 The petition is valid in terms of the Council's procedures for dealing with petitions and the principal petitioner, together with one supporter, has been invited to attend the meeting and they will be asked to make a statement, lasting no more than 10 minutes, in support of the petition.

1.4 The role of the Board is to consider the petition, hear and ask questions of the petitioner and take the appropriate action in respect of the

petition which will be one of the following: (a) that no action is taken, in which case the reasons will be specified and intimated to the petitioner; (b) that the petition be referred to the relevant director/and or policy board for further investigation, with or without any specific recommendation; or (c) refer the petition to another organisation if the petition relates to that organisation.

2 Recommendations

2.1 That the Board hear from the petitioner

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – none.
 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none.
 3. **Community Planning** – none.
 4. **Legal** – none
 5. **Property/Assets** – none.
 6. **Information Technology** – none.
 7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
 8. **Health & Safety** – none.
 9. **Procurement** – none.
 10. **Risk** – none.
 11. **Privacy Impact** – none.
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List of Background Papers – petition form

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