

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Save the Big Lemon Bus</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>21 July 2011</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Monitoring Officer</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

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**Note:** The subject matter of the petition is an executive function and therefore not one that Full Council can make a decision on.

**PETITION TRIGGERING A FULL COUNCIL DEBATE****1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 Under the Council's Petition Scheme if a petition contains more than 1,250 signatures and is not a petition requesting officer evidence, it will be debated by the Full Council.
- 1.2 A combined paper and e-petition has resulted in triggering a debate at the council meeting, having exceeded the threshold with a total of 2,316 signatures.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the petition is referred to the Transport and Public Realm Cabinet Member Meeting for consideration.

**3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:****3.1 The Petition**

"We the undersigned petition the council to level the playing field in the local bus industry to ensure smaller groups like The Big Lemon Bus Company are not at a disadvantage."

Lead Petitioner – Ms. Jackie Chase

- 3.2 As the subject matter of the petition relates to an executive function, the options open to the council are:

- To note the petition and take no action for reasons put forward in the debate;  
or

- To refer the petition to the relevant Cabinet Member Meeting; or
- To refer the petition to the relevant Cabinet Member Meeting with recommendations.

#### **4. PROCEDURE:**

- 4.1 The petition will be debated at the Council meeting in accordance with the agreed protocol:
- (i) The Lead petitioner will be invited by the Mayor to present the petition and will have up to 3 minutes in which to outline the prayer of the petition and confirm the number of signatures;
  - (ii) The Mayor will then call on the relevant Cabinet Member to respond to the petition and move a proposed response;
  - (iii) The Mayor will then open the matter up for debate by councillors and call on those councillors who have indicated a desire to move an amendment or additional recommendation(s) to the recommendation listed in paragraph 2.1 of the report;
  - (iv) Any councillor may move an amendment or recommendation, having regard to the recommendation in 2.1 above and any such proposal will need to be formally seconded;
  - (v) After a period of 15 minutes, the Mayor will then call an end to the debate and ask the relevant Cabinet Member to reply to the points raised;
  - (vi) The Mayor will then formally put:
    - (a) Any amendments in the order in which they are moved, and then
    - (b) The substantive recommendation(s) as amended (if amended).