

**Subject:** Member Petitions  
**Date of Meeting:** 4 December 2014  
**Report of:** Head of Law & Monitoring Officer  
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**Wards Affected:** All

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE**

**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 To receive those petitions presented to the Full Council and referred to the committee for consideration.
- 1.2 To receive any petitions to be presented or which have been submitted via the council's website or for which notice has been given directly to Democratic Services.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the Committee responds to the petition either by noting it or writing to the petition organiser setting out the Council's views, or where it is considered more appropriate, calls for an officer report on the matter which may give consideration to a range of options, including the following:
- § taking the action requested in the petition
  - § considering the petition at a council meeting
  - § holding an inquiry into the matter
  - § undertaking research into the matter
  - § holding a public meeting
  - § holding a consultation
  - § holding a meeting with petitioners
  - § referring the petition for consideration by the council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee
  - § calling a referendum

**3. PETITIONS**

- 3.1 Petitions referred from the Council meeting on 23 October 2014:

**(i) Palestine**

To receive the following petition signed by 412 signatures:

*“We ask that the Council enters into no business with any firm or company originating from Israel or complicit in its occupation of Palestinian territories, and that it reviews all current contracts to ensure that any financial relationship with any such firm is ended as soon as lawfully possible.”*

Lead petitioner – Cllr. Duncan

**(ii) Regency Square Hoteliers – West Pier Project**

To receive the following petition signed by 12 signatures:

*“The West Pier Project (WPP) provides supported/managed accommodation for up to 40 residents suffering from alcohol, drug abuse and mental illness. The WPP is close to shops selling cheap alcohol and a person suspected of dealing in drugs was recently arrested around the corner in Preston Street. The WPP residents attract friends who sit on the steps of the WPP and local hotels/buildings and also the nearby garden benches. These friends are often street drinkers.*

*The anti-social behaviour is seriously affecting our business and will also affect the popularity of the i360. We, the undersigned, believe the WPP is a serious contributory cause of ASB. We believe that the WPP should no longer house residents who are alcohol and drug dependent.”*

Lead petitioner – Cllr. A. Kitcat