

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**CABINET MEMBER MEETING – CHILDREN’S SERVICES**

**9 AUGUST 2016**

**Report of the Director of Legal Services**

**REPORT ON PETITION TO BE RECEIVED**

**1. Purpose of the Report** To receive a petition forwarded to the County Council relating to matters contained within the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services.

**2. Information and Analysis** In compliance with the Council’s Petition Scheme, the following petition is presented for receipt.

Both an e-petition and a paper petition were received from Unison, as detailed below. In respect of the e-petition, the Council has well established arrangements for receiving e-petitions which are created through the County Council’s website [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/petitions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/petitions). Use of the Council’s e-petition arrangements enables the validation of signatures and the Council is only required to respond to e-petitions made through the Council’s e-petition facility. Unison has been advised that, on this basis, it would be open to the Council not to receive the e-petition since it was generated by other means. However, bearing in mind the large number of signatories, it was felt appropriate to report its receipt, along with the paper petition to the Cabinet Member.

<b><u>LOCATION/SUBJECT</u></b>	<b><u>SIGNATURES</u></b>	<b><u>LOCAL MEMBER</u></b>
‘Save our Children’s Centres’ “We call on DCC to overturn its decision to close 32 children’s centres across the county. This will cause large job losses amongst Children’s Centre workers and have an ongoing detrimental effect throughout our communities for years to come”	Total – 47,775 (Paper - 5125 e- petition – 42,650)	All

**3. Considerations (to be specified individually where appropriate)**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property, social value and transport considerations.

**4. Key Decision** No

**5. Call-in** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No

**6. Background Papers**

Petition held on file 124.0 in Democratic Services.

**7. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the petitions listed above be received.

**John McElvaney**  
**Director of Legal Services**