

**PUBLIC**

**Item 7**

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015**

**Report of the Director of Legal Services**

**Petition relating to the School Crossing Patrol Service**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To consider the receipt of a petition relating to the School Crossing Patrol Service and to determine the Council's response.

**2. Information and Analysis**

The Council has received a petition containing over 9000 signatures headed 'Save Our School Crossing Patrols in Derbyshire'. Since the petition contains more than 7,500 signatures and a Full Council debate has been requested, the Council's Petition Scheme provides that the petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition and it will then be discussed by Members for 15 minutes.

The preamble to the petition reads as follows:-

*"Derbyshire County Council's cabinet have considered a range of possible budget cuts. One of the services which could be included in these cuts is the school crossing patrol service.*

*At the moment no decisions have been made.*

*Any proposed changes to the service will be the subject of a public consultation and they are asking schools, parents and the general public for our views.*

*Please sign below to show your support to keep our school crossing patrols".*

The Petition Scheme provides that where a petition relates to issues upon which the Cabinet is required to make the final decision, the Council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision. As Members will be aware, in this instance Cabinet made its final decision on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 following extensive consultation and so the Council should consider whether or not to invite Cabinet to review its decision.

In considering the petition, Members should be mindful that at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July Cabinet was informed about the petition (together with a number of smaller petitions) and had the benefit of the attendance at the meeting of the petition organiser and others.

### **3. Considerations**

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

### **4. Background Papers**

File held by the Director of Legal Services.

### **5. Recommendations**

The Council is asked to consider the petition relating to the School Crossing Patrol Service and to determine whether or not to invite Cabinet to review the decision which it made on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015

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