

Petitions Committee

PET(3)-16-09 Paper 2: 24 November 2009

Updates on previous petitions

This paper provides a list of updates received to petitions previously considered by the Committee. Many of these updates have been received as correspondence. Where relevant, copies of correspondence are appended to this paper as PET(3) 16-09 Paper 2A.

(i) P-03-205 Keep Abergavenny Livestock Market

Petition wording

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to preserve Abergavenny's historic character as a market town by not repealing or amending the Abergavenny Improvement Acts 1854 to 1871, thereby preserving all the associated economic, social and cultural benefits of a market town.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-205.htm>

Petition raised by: Barry Greenwood

Number of signatures: 4757

Previously considered by the Committee on: 19 May 2009, 9 June 2009, 23 June 2009, 6 October 2009 and 20 October 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government, and is attached as part of PET(3) 16-09 Paper 2A.

(ii) P-03-216 IVF Treatment

Petition wording

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Assembly Government to set out a formal process leading to the full implementation of the NICE clinical guideline CG11 on fertility (published in 2004) including its recommendation to provide up to three full cycles of IVF. Three full cycles should be made available free of charge by the NHS.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-216.htm>

Petition raised by: Kara Ellard and Julia Enyon

Number of signatures: 4241

Previously considered by the Committee on: 6 October 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Minister for Health and Social Services and is attached as part of PET(3) 16-09 Paper 2A.

(iii) P-03-217 National Library of Wales - Saturday Opening

Petition wording

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to ensure that sufficient funds are provided to the National Library of Wales, to enable the NLW to reverse its decision to close on Saturdays from the 1st of April 2009. The only day of the week which the working, enthusiastic, amateur researcher can visit the library.

Link to the petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-217.htm>

Petition raised by: Nicholas Davey

Number of signatures: 93

Previously considered by the Committee on: 9 June 2009 and 22 September 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Communities and Culture Committee and is attached as part of PET(3) 16-09 Paper 2A.

(iv) P-03-221 Improved NHS Chiropody Treatment

Petition wording

We the Cynon Valley 50 plus Older People's Forum wish to present a petition for improved Chiropody Service (footcare) to be available on the NHS especially for Older People who are housebound in the RCT area:

Please sign our petition

Link to the petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-221.htm>

Petition raised by: Cynon Valley 50 plus Older People's Forum

Number of signatures: 49

Previously considered by the Committee on: 9 June 2009 and 22 September 2009

Update: Updates have been received from the Clinical Director of Therapies and the Head of Podiatry at Cwm Taf NHS Trust, the Minister for Health and Social Services, and are attached as part of PET(3) 16-09 Paper 2A.

(v) P-03-222 National Osteoporosis Society

Petition Wording

The National Osteoporosis Society calls upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh government to fully implement the Falls and Fractures Standard in the National Service Framework for Older People, ensuring that patients with and at risk of fragility fractures are identified, assessed and treated by Fracture Liaison Services (FLS) in all of the new Local Health Boards. We would like a FLS to be linked to every hospital that receives fragility fractures, and ask that the Welsh government insists upon universal provision of FLS's across the NHS in Wales

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-222.htm>

Petition raised by: National Osteoporosis Society

Number of signatures: 22

Previously considered by the Committee on: 7 July 2009 and 6 October 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Minister for Health and Social Services and is attached as part of PET(3) 16-09 Paper 2A.

(vi) P-03-224 Stepping Stones Nursery

Petition wording

We the undersigned call on the National Assembly for Wales to intervene to halt the closure of the Stepping Stones Nursery on the Ebbw Vale campus of Coleg Gwent.

Link to the petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-224.htm>

Petition raised by: Brian Walters

Number of signatures: 20 (in addition, the petitioner collected 1000+ signatures for an associated petition)

Previously considered by the Committee on: 9 June 2009 and 22 September 2009

Update: Updates have been received from the petitioner and the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills, and are attached as part of PET(3) 16-09 Paper 2A.

(vii) P-03-225 Gorseinon College

Petition wording

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh government to provide extra funding to Gorseinon College to keep courses and classes open and running.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-225.htm>

Petition raised by: Tracy Bates

Number of signatures: 800+

Previously considered by the Committee on: 7 July 2009 and 6 October 2009

Update: Updates from the Deputy First Minister and Gorseinon College have been received, and are attached as part of PET(3) 16-09 Paper 2A.

(viii) P-03-231 Proximity of wind turbines to residential dwellings

Petition wording

We ask the Assembly to review the current position on the proximity of wind turbines to homes, which is now 500m. (see para. 3.4, Annex D of TAN8).

We would ask that the minimum distance be 2KMs as in Scotland.

Besides problems of noise, there have been many accidents and the closeness to homes affects the visual amenity of residents.

Link to the petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-231.htm>

Petition raised by: Glyncorrwg Action Group

Number of signatures: 171

Previously considered by the Committee on: 7 July 2009 and 22 September 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Scottish Government, and is attached as part of PET(3) 16-09 Paper 2A.

(ix) P-03-251 Banning Sunbeds

Petition wording

Petition to ban unmanned, coin-operated sunbeds in Wales and sunbed use by under 18 year olds.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-251.htm>

Petition raised by: Tenovus

Number of signatures: 1500+

Previously considered by the Committee on: 6 October 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Minister for Health and Social Services, and is attached as part of PET(3) 16-09 Paper 2A.

(x) P-03-252 Opposing RAF St Athan Northern Access Road (Boverton residents)

Petition wording

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to amend its plans for the proposed Defence Technical Academy at St Athan so that no northern access road is constructed and that the green field sites at Tremain's Farm, Picketston and Eglwys Brewis are preserved.

This would take into account the views of 95% of the 395 individuals consulted in Boverton.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-252.htm>

Petition raised by: Boverton residents

Number of signatures: This petition was raised by Boverton residents, and it collected 3 signatures. In addition, the petitioner collected 377 signatures for an associated petition.

Previously considered by the Committee on: 20 October 2009

Update: An update has been received from the petitioners, and is attached as part of PET(3) 16-09 Paper 2A

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