

Petitions Committee – PET(4)03–16(P1) – Petitions Proposed for Closure

Paper from the Committee Clerk

Date: February 2016

Petitions Proposed for Closure

Purpose

1. This paper asks the Committee to consider a list of inactive petitions for possible closure.

Background

2. At its last meeting the Committee agreed that, in anticipation of the end of the current Assembly, the secretariat would prepare a list of inactive petitions that should be considered for possible closure at the Committee's next meeting.

3. A list of petitions proposed for closure is attached to this paper along with when they were first and last considered and a brief synopsis of the reason for proposing closure. In all cases, the Committee secretariat has tried to contact the petitioner to find out if there is any reason why the petition should not be closed. Except where indicated otherwise, no response has been received from petitioners on the list.

4. It is proposed that all the petitions on the list should be closed. However, it is possible that some petitioners may yet respond. As a safety net, if petitioners respond in time for consideration at the Committee's final meeting, and ask that the petition should remain open, these petitions will be brought back to the Committee's final meeting for further consideration.

Action

5. The Committee is invited to consider the list of petitions proposed for closure and, subject to paragraph 4 above, consider whether they should be closed.

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Petition Number	Title	First Considered	Last Considered	Reason for Recommending Closure
P-03-150	National Cancer Standards	09.07.08	11.11.14	Health and Social Care Committee Report on the Welsh Government's Cancer Delivery Plan was debated in Plenary on 10/12/14
P-03-313	The Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs)(Wales) Reg 2011	25.01.11	29.11.11	Inactive
P-04-319	Newtown Traffic Petition	21.06.11	30.6.15	Scheme progressing. Update on current status sought from WG. Committee Members have indicated previously that they are content for the petition to be closed.
P-04-322	A call to revise Cadw's hold upon churches	21.06.11	19.03.13	Inactive
P-04-338	Petition on the sale of the Vyrnwy estate by Severn Trent Water	11.10.11	11.10.11	Inactive
P-04-339	Enforcement of Animal Welfare Standards in the Puppy Farming Industry in	11.10.11	13.03.12	Inactive

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P-04-354	Public statement of support for Bradley Manning	10.01.12	27.03.12	Inactive
P-04-393	Llanymynech and Pant Bypass Action Group	29.05.12	03.02.15	Inactive – unable to make contact with petitioners
P-04-438	Shopping Access	20.11.12	18.06.13	Inactive
P-04-448	Improve Sexual health services for Western Vale	29.01.13	03.02.15	Inactive
P-04-451	Save the Royal Glamorgan Hospital Services	29.01.13	04.06.13	Inactive
P-04-454	Call to end Councillor and Assembly Member Dual Role	29.01.13	28.04.14	Contacted petitioner who indicated that he is content to close the petition.
P-04-494	Robotic assisted laparoscopic prostatectomy must be made available to men in Wales now	16.07.13	20.10.15	Have written to the petitioner on a number of occasions, most recently on 5 February. No contact from petitioner since March 2015.
P-04-527	Campaign for a Special Cancer Drug Fund in Wales	21.01.14	10.03.15	Inactive – have written to the petitioner on a number of occasions, most recently on 29 January. No contact from petitioner since the petition was first considered in January 2014.
P-04-545	Aneurin Bevan Hospital	29.04.14	15.07.14	Inactive – have written to the

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	Procedures			petitioner on a number of occasions, most recently on 29 January. No contact from petitioner since June 2014.
P-04-550	Planning Powers	13.05.14	14.07.15	Close – contacted petitioner who responded stating that the matter is still very much a live one, however he could not see any merit with tying up valuable Assembly Committee time with keeping this petition open.
P-04-558	E-CIGARETTE BAN FOR UNDER 18s	17.06.14	17.06.14	Inactive since first consideration – however LCM regulating age for sale of e-cigarettes agreed by the Assembly in February 2014.
P-04-571	Treating Pernicious Anaemia	15.07.14	22.09.15	No contact with petitioner since August 2015
P-04-579	Reinstate funding for Skomer Island's Guillemot monitoring	23.09.14	02.06.15	Inactive
P-04-580	Restrictions on Donating Blood	23.09.14	09.12.14	Inactive
P-04-582	Much Needed Change to the Rules in our Schools with Regards to Head Lice and	23.09.14	25.11.14	Inactive

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	Nits			
P-04-588	Charter for Children and Fathers	23.09.14	22.09.15	Petitioner responded indicating that he is content to close the petition. His additional comments on the petitions process have been circulated to Members separately.
P-04-591	Fair Funding for Local Government	23.09.14	20.01.15	Close – contacted petitioner who responded asking to close the petition as long as the settlement stays the same
P-04-614	Support the Arriva Trains Wales First Class Service	03.02.15	12.05.15	Inactive – no contact with petitioner since October 2014
P-04-615	A Fair Student Loan Payment in the Final Year of Training	03.02.15	12.05.15	Inactive – no contact with petitioner since January 2015
P-04-617	Stop the Wholesale Hiving off of Public Libraries to the Voluntary Sector	24.02.15	14.07.15	Inactive – no contact with petitioner since May 2015
P-04-618	Protection of Banking Services in Vulnerable Communities	24.03.15	02.06.15	Last action to forward petitioner’s comments to Minister for forwarding to Financial Inclusion Strategy Group. Contacted petitioner to ask if he wishes to continue with petition – no response received
P-04-626	De-Trunk the A487 Road	24.03.15	08.12.15	Committee previously indicated it was

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	Through Penparcau, Trefechan & Aberystwyth			minded to close the petition as difficult to see what further action they could take in this Assembly. Contacted petitioner on 20/1/16 - no response as yet.
P-04-627	Improve Commuter Trains in North Wales	24.03.15	16.06.15	Inactive
P-04-640	Bring Down the Age of Smears to 18	30.06.15	06.10.15	No contact from the petitioner since September 2015
P-04-642	Save the Filter - An Established Youth Stop Smoking and Prevention Service	14.07.15	22.09.15	<p>Contacted petitioner who responded as follows: "Following discussions with the Welsh Government we have secured temporary and partial funding for The Filter project and therefore would like to close this petition.</p> <p>We'd like to pass on our sincere thanks to the committee for their time in looking at our petition."</p>
P-04-644	The Future of Further Education	30.06.15	08.12.15	Contacted petitioner who responded "Many thanks for all your help with our petition, but we have taken the

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				decision to close the petition at this stage.”
P-04-647	Change the Adult Ticket Age from 16 to 18.	14.07.15	14.07.15	Inactive - no response from the petitioner since the petition was submitted.