

PETITIONS – (1) RETAIN TABOR FIELD AS OPEN SPACE and (2) SAVE THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AT QUEENS ROAD, EARLS COLNE

Agenda Item 5c

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Background Papers:- Two petitions – (1) Save Tabor Field (247 signatures) and (2) Save our Loos (83 signatures)

Financial Implications:- None arising directly from this report

Equalities Implications:- None arising directly from this report

Legal Implications:- None arising directly from this report

Options: None arising directly from this report

Risks: None arising directly from this report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council has received two petitions that have a direct impact on the budget proposals being considered by Cabinet this evening.

The first petition relates to an item in the Capital Programme (Appendices Pack - page 54). The petitioners are objecting to the proposal that Tabor Field, Braintree be used to create a new allotment site and consider that the site should be retained as public open space so that it can be used for all members of the community for exercise, well-being and quality of life.

The second petition concerns a budget proposal on changes to service provision (Appendices Pack – page 28). The petitioners are calling for the public conveniences in the public car park at Queens Road, Earls Colne to remain open as it provides a useful, well-maintained public service that is used on a regular basis by many members of the public.

The Petitions Procedure Rules state that the Cabinet or the appropriate Committee should consider a petition and state what action if any will be taken and if no action the reasons for that decision. The organiser of each petition has been notified that the Cabinet will be considering the petitions at tonight's meeting.

DECISION

To determine what action, if any, will be taken in relation to each petition.