

MOTIONS

7.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MATHERS

That this Council believes it is important to engage residents in local decision making and acknowledges that the pandemic has made it understandably more difficult for residents to engage in local democratic processes.

This Council recognises the importance of residents' petitions in playing a valuable part in enabling residents to resolve issues and concerns they face within our borough.

Therefore, this Council resolves to reduce the qualifying criteria of the number of required signatures for online petitions from 100 signatories to the current level for paper petitions of 20 signatories.

This Council further instructs Cabinet to undertake an urgent review to enable the online petition process to be made as accessible as possible by, for example,

- allowing petitioners to start a petition and those signing the petition to do so without having to create a separate login but by simply using their personal details.
- ensuring that online petition pages are part of the new formatted website rather than the older version.