

## **Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee – 1 March 2019**

### **Petitions – School Crossing Patrols**

#### **Recommendation(s)**

1. That the Committee notes the receipt of petitions regarding the above and considers whether they wish to take any further action.

#### **Report of Scrutiny and Support Manager**

#### **Summary**

##### **What is the Select Committee being asked to do and why?**

2. The Committee is asked to note that three petitions have been received regarding school crossing patrols that trigger consideration by the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee. The Committee is asked to consider this matter and decide if they wish to take any further action.

#### **Report**

##### **Background**

3. The County Council's Petitions' Scheme states that petitions with at least 2,500 signatures (but less than 5,000 signatures) may require a senior officer to give evidence at a public meeting of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee. (Ref Section 4 of the County Council's Constitution). Petition organisers are invited to give evidence to the Committee.

4. The relevant overview and scrutiny committee regarding school crossing patrols is the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee which has responsibility for the scrutiny of matters relating to highways and transport.

5. There has been no previous scrutiny of School Crossing Patrols by this Committee.

6. The following petitions have been received:

Mr D Garner (Rugeley area) – "Don't lose your School Crossing Patrols and put your students' lives at risk";

Ms Liz Wood (Uttoxeter area) – "Save the Lollipop Men and Women of Uttoxeter for the Safety of Our Children".

A petition has also been received from Susan Woodward, Opposition Leader, Labour Group, with 2721 signatures.

7. Following due process, letters were sent to Mr Garner and Ms Wood acknowledging receipt of the petitions and inviting them to attend the next meeting of the Committee to give evidence. No further communication from the petitioners has been received.

8. However, on 22 January the County Council announced that they would **not** be withdrawing school crossing patrols.

**Link to Strategic Plan** – Strategic Outcome - Feel safer, happier and more supported in and by their community

**Link to Other Overview and Scrutiny Activity** – None.

**Community Impact** – n/a.

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**List of Background Papers:** n/a