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Dear Mr Brookfield

PETITION: Designation of West Lancashire Pensioners' Forum as a Key Stakeholder and Creation of a Public Forum

Following consideration of your review request by the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 30 June 2011, please find attached a copy of the Minute and decision from the meeting.

A copy of this letter together with a copy of the minute with now be published on the Council's website.

Yours sincerely

J Denning

Assistant Member Services Manager

7. PETITION REVIEW REQUEST - DESIGNATION OF WEST LANCASHIRE PENSIONERS' FORUM AS A KEY STAKEHOLDER AND CREATION OF A PUBLIC FORUM

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of People and Places advising that a review had been requested of the steps that the Council had taken in response to a petition received on behalf of the West Lancashire Pensioners' Forum (WLPF). The report, as circulated and contained on pages 7 to 20 of the Book of Reports, set out the steps taken to respond to the petition and included the Council's response to the Petition's Organiser (Appendix A) and the Petition Organiser's request (Appendix B) for a review of that response.

The Petition's Organiser, the Secretary of WLPF, attended the meeting and at the invitation of the Chairman addressed the Committee and in his address gave reasons why he did not feel the Council had adequately responded to the petition.

Members discussed the points the Petition's Organiser had raised in his address and in the petition documentation, along with the comments of the Director of Transformation, as set down in the Director of People and Places report. This included reference to the WPLF role and the request put forward within the petition that a public Forum be formally established with a view to meeting at the Council offices, four times a year, as a representative older people's group to provide a formal platform of consultation for that group.

Members sought additional information of the Petitioner, who consented to take questions and responded to those put to him, including those relating to the original petition, the WLPF membership and its representation throughout the Borough.

The Director of Transformation was in attendance and at the invitation of the Chairman also responded to comments.

Members additionally made reference to the consultation mechanisms already established by the Council and the various stakeholder groups involved in its consultation processes.

In reaching its decision the Committee also took into consideration the options that were available to them as set down at paragraph 7.3 of the report.

RESOLVED: That the steps taken by the Council in response to the petition are adequate.

(Note: Councillor Nolan left the Chamber during consideration of this item. The Director of Transformation also left the meeting after consideration of this item.)