

**ACTION TAKEN ON PETITIONS**

Council Members are asked to note the action taken in relation to the undermentioned petitions which were presented to Council:-

- (i) **Petition from the residents of Lakeside Towers requesting the manual gritting of footpaths during icy weather. Presented by Councillor Wake on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2008**

The Director of Community and Cultural Services, following consultation with Councillor Rolph, has agreed that consideration could only be given to the utilisation of available resources to undertake the treatment of other footpaths upon satisfactory completion of those identified as being priority and as resources allow.

Councillor Michael Dixon and petitioners to be notified.

- (ii) **Petition from residents of Houghton-le-Spring and district requesting Sunderland Council to provide essential amenities such as toilets in and around Newbottle Street shopping area. Presented by Councillor Richardson on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2008**

The Director of Community and Cultural Services, following consultation with Councillor Rolph, agreed that proposals for facilities would need to be considered alongside other future expenditure priorities for the Council. Officers would meanwhile investigate alternative means of provision.

Councillor Richardson and petitioners to be notified.

- (iii) **Petition from 525 residents of Rickleton requesting that Sunderland City Council provide recycling 'bring' facilities at a more convenient location than presently available. The residents also requested that facilities to accommodate recycling of glass, cans and aerosols, fabrics, shoes, plastics and books be provided; and for these to be positioned alongside the existing paper and carton receptacles sited in the car park adjacent to Rickleton Primary School. Presented by Councillor Wake on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.**

The Director of Community and Cultural Services, following consultation with Councillor Rolph, reviewed the site and facilities for mixed plastic bottles, cans, cartons and books were added in liaison with the current contractor. Further facilities and improvements were still under consideration.

Councillor Wake and petitioners to be notified.

**(iv) Petition requesting that the Council installs an island in the larger lake at the Silksworth Sports complex as a sanctuary for wildlife. Presented by Councillor Oliver on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2009**

There has already been an SIB 'Expression of Interest' from the 'Sunderland Freshwater Angling Club for the installation of a floating island. Due to the new SIB arrangements a new 'Expression of Interest' has been submitted by the club. This will be the subject of a report to the West Area Committee in October 2009. Should the Area Committee agree, the Club will be invited to submit a full SIB bid. This will be considered at the January 2010 meeting.

The Director of Community and Cultural Services, following consultation with Councillor Blackburn, Portfolio Holder for Attractive and Inclusive City the following action was agreed:

Subject to an SIB application from the Sunderland Freshwater Angling Club being received, there is the potential that this matter could be supported and resolved via SIB funding.

Correspondence has been forwarded to Councillor Oliver advising him of the awaited application and the subsequent process.