

ACTION TAKEN ON PETITIONS

Council Members are asked to note the action taken in relation to the under mentioned petitions which were presented to Council.

- (i) **Petition from residents of Houghton-le-Spring regarding the condition of Kirklea Playing Field, John Street. Dogs are being injured by broken glass, litter is uncollected for months on end and what could be a pleasant amenity is left to deteriorate. It is a risk to public health and an environmental eyesore. Presented by Councillor Colin Wakefield on 24th September, 2008**

The Director of Community and Cultural Services, following consultation with Councillor Rolph has agreed the following action:

- (i) Arrangements were made to trim and weed treat all fence lines and hard surfaces before the end of November 2008.
- (ii) Litter would be removed prior to grass cutting operations.
- (iii) The dog and litter bins were relocated away from resident's premises.
- (iv) Staff will continue to monitor the area to determine whether additional litter bins are required.
- (v) Anti-social behaviour issues would be discussed at the next Local Multi Agency Problem Solving meeting.
- (vi) Play areas are currently being improved as part of a play area refurbishment programme.
- (vi) Repainting of the perimeter fence to be considered for inclusion in the 2009/10 maintenance programme.

Councillor Wakefield and petitioners to be notified.

- (ii) **We the Residents of Keats Avenue would like to bring to the attention of Councillors continuous ASB of the family that live at xx Keats Avenue the catalogue of events are listed below:-**

1. **Drug abuse and dealing in Drugs**
2. **Continuous Police presence**
3. **Foul and unruly behaviour**
4. **Continuous drinking outside home on step till after 2am**
5. **Continuous build up of litter around front door and street**
6. **Theft from other residents**
7. **Litter in back street**
8. **Throwing bottles of urine over walls**
9. **Throwing pornographic books over walls**
10. **Urinating in street**
11. **Unruly behaviour in street late at night**

12. **Discarding bottles of methadone over next doors wall**
13. **Intimidating feelings felt by residents because mass of young people drinking in Street throughout day and night.**

We feel it is time we spoke as one. We want this street to return to the pleasant street it was prior to this family. We are unable to let our children play in the street as a result. Also people are event contemplating selling their homes and moving. This must be addressed please help the residents of Keats Avenue. Presented by Councillor Copeland on 25th June, 2008.

The Chief Executive, following consultation with Northumbria Police, the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services, the Director of Community and Cultural Services and the Safer Communities Manager, has notified the lead petitioner of the partnership approach taken and eventual positive outcome of the problem family leaving the area achieved in relation to residents concerns about issues of alleged substance misuse, crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, environment and cleanliness, and overall community safety matters as reportedly perpetrated by the residents of xx, Keats Avenue, Southwick, Sunderland.