

**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 requesting that Service X2 between Sunderland and Newcastle be reinstated - Presented by Councillor Morrissey on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2011**

The Executive Director of City Services reports that Nexus is responsible for the coordination and assessment of public transport need within Tyne and Wear, and therefore the petition was referred to Nexus for consideration. Nexus approached bus operator Go North East regarding the request to reinstate Service X2 to Newcastle.

Go North East declined to reinstate Service X2 as they had withdrawn this service in June 2010 and replaced it with revisions to Service 8 running between Sunderland and Washington and connecting Service X1 running between Washington and Newcastle because their survey data showed that very few passengers travelled the full route between Sunderland and Newcastle, via Washington.

Nexus has stated that it could not justify reinstating Service X2 as a secured bus service funded by Nexus, within current budget restrictions, because the Services 8 and X1 provide alternatives maintaining most of the links and frequencies of the previous Service X2.

In view of Go North East's decision and Nexus' statement, no further action is to be taken with respect to the petitioners' request to have Bus Service X2 between Sunderland and Newcastle reinstated.

Councillor Morrissey and the lead petitioner have been notified of the decision.

- (ii) **Petition from residents of Hudson Road, Sunderland requesting parking permits for outside their homes - presented to Council by Councillor T. Martin on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

The Executive Director of City Services has declined the petition from residents of Hudson Road, Hendon, requesting that the Council introduce a residents parking scheme.

The petition was declined as the Council had recently introduced a pilot Parking Management Scheme in the area around the Sunderland Royal Hospital. The results of this pilot will be evaluated and will form Council policy in respect of other requests for local parking management schemes including that of Hudson Road.

Councillor T. Martin and the lead petitioner have been informed accordingly.

**(iii) Petition requesting the Council to provide an increased level of dog control enforcement around Lakeside Village and Silksworth Lake to prevent fouling and dogs running loose - presented by Councillor Alan Wright on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

The Executive Director of City Services has declined the petition which was signed by 339 residents.

The petition was declined as, following observations and increased monitoring of the area, there was no evidence to substantiate that there was a particular problem in relation to dog fouling or owners not being in control of their dogs. Officers within the Directorate will continue to monitor the situation and deal with any issues as they occur.

Councillor A Wright and the lead petitioner have been informed accordingly.