

MEDWAY COUNCIL – PETITIONS SCHEME
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSITUTION

Section of the Constitution	Proposed change
Chapter 1 : Summary and Explanation	<p>Page 1.3 Add bullet point to paragraph 7 – Local people’s rights: “ submit a petition to the council and receive a response under the council petitions scheme”</p>
Chapter 4 Rules: Part 1 –Council rules	<p>Page 4.4 delete 6th bullet point and substitute: “Receive and debate petitions in accordance with the Council’s petitions scheme – see appendix A to these rules“</p> <p>Page 4.5 Add new Rule 7 as follows and renumber all subsequent paragraphs of the Council rules accordingly:</p> <p>“RULE – PETITIONS</p> <p>Petitions will be dealt with at full Council in accordance with the Councils petition scheme at Appendix A to these rules. The lead petitioner or their nominated representative and Councillors may present petitions to the meeting. Where a full Council debate is triggered by a petition with the specified number of signatures or the Council considers a petition or undertakes a review of the response provided to a petition the lead petitioner (or their nominated representative) may address the meeting for up to 5 minutes and 20 minutes will usually be allowed for the Council to debate the matter.”</p>

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<p>Chapter 4 Rules – Part 5 – Overview and Scrutiny rules</p>	<p>Page 4.49 Delete all of paragraph 19 and substitute:</p> <p>“ 19 Procedure for handling petitions at Overview and Scrutiny Committees</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committees have an important role in relation to petitions submitted to the Council. Petitions must be handled in accordance with the Councils petition scheme which is attached as Appendix 1 to the Council Rules in Part one of Chapter Four of the constitution.</p> <p>Page 4.51 Add additional point to paragraph 22.1 General Terms of Reference of Overview and Scrutiny Committees as follows:</p> <p>“ (xv) to deal with petitions referred to the Committee under and in accordance with the Council’s petition scheme</p>