

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING	Council	
MEETING DATE	14 th November 2013	
TITLE:	Citizens Advice Bureau – petition for debate	
WARD:	All Bath wards	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 An electronic and paper petition has been received regarding funding to the Citizens Advice Bureau, containing nearly 4000 signatures. According to the Council's petition scheme, if a petition with over 1000 signatures of people who live, work and study in Bath & North East Somerset is received, it triggers a debate at Council.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That a debate takes place.

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The text of the petition reads as follows; *"Dear Councillor Paul Crossley, please reconsider the plan to reduce the budget for advice services currently provided by CAB-BANES by 60% from next April."*
- 3.2 A briefing note setting out relevant issues is attached for information.
- 3.3 Council, if it wishes, can make recommendations to Cabinet but cannot amend executive policy. Decisions on the amount of money to be allocated to particular uses or proposals are matters for full Council to decide. How any money allocated is spent is a matter for Cabinet, not full Council, to decide.
- 3.4 The lead petitioner will address Council at the start of the item.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The approved Medium Term Service & Resource Plan contains financial assumptions as set out in the final paragraph of page 3. These proposals will be

considered as part of the administration's budget proposals for 2014/15 in February of next year.

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Background papers	
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