

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 04 August 2025

Question from: Ed Greenwood

Question to: Councillor Scullion, Leader of the Council

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Whilst inspecting the document 'CALDERDALE COUNCIL'S PETITIONS SCHEME', produced by Democratic Services, I note in Section 12 that there is a reference to 'Use of Resources Scrutiny Panel' whereby a petitioner may believe that the petition has not been dealt with properly. Despite being refused to input a question to Cabinet on the existence or non-existence of this panel, it would appear that a petitioner now does not have a process to challenge the Authority's decision.

It now begs the question:

What document quality control (date produced, review date, authorisation etc.) does the authority have on publications to the citizen as to enable them to exercise their democratic right to correct processes?

Response

Thank you for highlighting this. The webpage has now been updated to correctly link through to the Council's Constitution where the up-to-date Petition Scheme is located.

The Petition Scheme forms part of the Council's Constitution which is currently under review by the Governance and Business Working Party which has been tasked with reviewing the Council's Constitution. A report will be presented to the Committee at a date later in the year for recommendation to Council. I can confirm though, that a review has recently been undertaken to incorporate e-petitions into the Scheme and to bring the Council in line with practices adopted by neighbouring Councils, and this will be presented to the Governance and Business Committee on 26th August 2025 for recommendation to Council for adoption.

The Petition Scheme clearly states to contact Democratic Support for advice on the Petition Scheme, therefore allowing residents their democratic right to challenge decisions.