

Have your say

Presenting petitions of fewer than 1,500 signatures at full Council meetings

Any Councillor has the right to present, on your behalf, a petition at a meeting of the full Council. It must be relevant to the Borough Council's functions, or the whole or part of its area or some or all of its residents.

A Councillor who wishes to present a petition must notify the Chief Executive, or the Corporate Head of Law and Governance, that he wishes to present the petition, before the start of the meeting.

The Councillor presenting it has a maximum of five minutes to do so. The Councillor must do no more than read out or summarise the key points of the petition, inform the Council of the number and description of the persons signing it, and make any relevant supporting remarks that he or she thinks fit. The Councillor shall then hand the petition to the person presiding.

Petitions shall be presented at any Council meeting in order of which notice of them has been received.

Following the presentation of a petition, the Council shall refer it to the earliest meeting of the appropriate committee at which it is practical for the

relevant members of staff to present a report, unless the petition contains an allegation that a councillor is in breach of the Code of Conduct for Runnymede Councillors, in which case it must be referred to the Standards and Audit Committee as well as the appropriate committee.