

Full Council

10 September 2019



Report of: The Monitoring Officer

Title: Petition debate – Pause Bristol's 5G Rollout

Recommendation

That Full Council debates the petition and refers it to the Mayor / relevant Cabinet member for a formal response.

Summary

Under the Council's petitions scheme, where a petition has 3,500 or more signatures from people who live, work or study in Bristol, the petition organiser can request a Full Council debate.

The Council has received a petition in relation to 5G.

The petition organisers have requested that Full Council debates the petition.



Details of the petition

- 1.** The wording of the petition is as follows:

Petition title / subject: **Pause Bristol's 5G Rollout.**

Petition wording:

"We ask that our political leaders invoke the precautionary principle and issue a moratorium (authorised period of delay) on Bristol's 5G expansion until they can verify through independent studies that 5G and the total radiation levels caused by RF-EMF (5G together with 2G, 3G, 4G, and WiFi) will not be harmful to the environment or Bristol's citizens, especially infants, children and pregnant women."

- 2.** The petition has been organised by Sally Beare.
- 3.** The petition has secured 3979 signatures from those who qualify as living, working or studying in Bristol as of verification on 5th August 2019.
- 4.** The Full Council is asked to debate the petition.
- 5.** Under the petition scheme, the petition organiser is permitted up to 5 minutes to present and speak to the petition. The petition scheme allows a further period of up to 15 minutes for discussion of the petition by councillors at the Full Council meeting.
- 6.** The Full Council has agreed the following in relation to dealing with petitions with over 3500 signatures: The topic of the debate should be referred to the Mayor/Cabinet, or other relevant body with the petitioner's views and Full Council's views.

RECOMMENDATION

Following the debate, the Full Council is recommended to refer the petition to the Mayor, in order that the Mayor can consider his response, in liaison with the relevant Cabinet member.