

Debate following the receipt of a petition containing more than 1,500 signatures in accordance with Standing Order 16. A petition organised by the Liberal Democrat Group has been received in connection with the Executive's decision to end the Free Swimming Scheme. The petition calls upon the administration to honour the views of the Community Scrutiny Committee which has twice voted for the retention of free swimming and reinstate the scheme for both age groups as soon as possible until 31 March 2011. We also call upon the administration to consider what types of free swimming schemes could be introduced from next April and work with potential outside partners to deliver this.