

The Lead Petitioner is Jonathan Russell, Chair of CND North East Scotland, and the petition statement is as follows:-

“We the undersigned call upon Aberdeen City Council to support efforts to rid the world of nuclear weapons by endorsing the United Nations treaty To Prohibit Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). We request that the Council join ‘Nuclear Free Local Authorities’ whose aim is to tackle in practical ways and within their powers the problems caused by civil and military nuclear hazards.”

The petition has attracted at least 100 valid signatures, which have been verified against the electoral register.

Standing Order 15 relates to Petitions:-

15. Petitions

15.1 A petition complying with the agreed criteria and having received at least 100 valid signatures will be placed on the agenda for consideration at the relevant committee.

15.2 The petitioner will be invited to explain their petition at the relevant committee and will have a maximum of ten minutes to present their case, following which Members will be given the opportunity to ask questions of the petitioner for a maximum of ten minutes.

15.3 The petitioner can be supported by up to two other individuals but the ten minute limit will be the same.

15.4 A Council officer will then have the opportunity to present their case for a maximum of ten minutes, following which Members will be given the opportunity to ask questions of the officer for a maximum of ten minutes.

15.5 There are three options for the committee to consider.

15.5.1 Take no action and advise the lead petitioner of the Committee’s reasoning.

15.5.2 Agree that the matter be the subject of a report to the relevant Committee(s).

15.5.3 Refer the matter to a relevant organisation with or without a recommendation.