

**Subject:** Petitions  
**Date of Meeting:** 18 June 2018  
**Report of:** Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law  
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**Wards Affected:** Various

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**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

1.1 To receive any petitions submitted directly to Democratic Services or any e-Petition submitted via the council's website.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

2.2 That the Committee responds to the petition either by noting it or writing to the petition organiser setting out the Council's views, or where it is considered more appropriate, calls for an officer report on the matter which may give consideration to a range of options, including the following:

- taking the action requested in the petition
- considering the petition at a council meeting
- holding an inquiry into the matter
- undertaking research into the matter
- holding a public meeting
- holding a consultation
- holding a meeting with petitioners
- calling a referendum

**3. PETITIONS**

3.1 To consider the following petitions:

**3.1.1 (i) Provide Autism Education in Brighton and Hove**

To receive the following petition signed by 816 people:

"A growing number of children with Autism are being excluded from education due to a lack of support, understanding, training and funding in Brighton and Hove, this is particularly true in 11+ Education and needs urgent attention to allow these children to access the Education they require in their own city. A small Autism specialist school and training centre is needed to ensure that everyone involved in the care of children with Autism in the city is supported to be able to manage the changes

required to provide adequate provision for children with this often invisible disability.”