

Subject: Items referred from 24 October 2019 Full Council meeting- Petitions

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Report of: Monitoring Officer

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Wards Affected: Various

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive petitions referred from the Full Council meeting of 24 October 2019.

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
- referring the petition for consideration by the council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- calling a referendum

3. PETITIONS

3. (i) Pedestrianise St James' Street– Adam Mason

To receive the following petition referred from the meeting of Full Council and signed by 416 people:

"We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to pedestrianise or part-pedestrianise St James Street to create a more welcoming public space that is traffic-free, cleaner and safer.

Over the years residents, businesses and visitors have raised concerns that St James Street has become a dirty, unsafe and unwelcoming area of Brighton with a bad reputation.

St James Street traders and MPs in the past have called on the Council to look at an option to pedestrianise the street, this has not been achieved. Making the street traffic-free would create more of a 'cafe-culture', and enhance the appearance of the street.

A traffic-free street would also facilitate the creation of permanent art installations associated with the community like the recently suggested 'Rainbow Crossing' or a Rainbow Road like the one created in Iceland.

Closure of the street would also facilitate events like the annual Pride Street Party.

Brighton City Council please consider implementing a proper consultation to see if this is a possibility”.