

Council	Agenda Item 43 (3)
22 October 2020	Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Close Brighton and Hove Greyhound Stadium - Petition for Debate		
Date of Meeting:	22 October 2020		
Report of:	Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law		
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 Under the Council's Petition Scheme if a petition contains more than 1,250 signatures and is not petition requesting officer evidence, it will be debated by the Full Council.
- 1.2 The e-petition has resulted in triggering a debate at the council meeting, having exceeded the threshold with a total of 6,880 signatures confirmed at the time of printing the report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the owners of the Greyhound Stadium for consideration.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

3.1 The Petition: Close Brighton and Hove Greyhound Stadium

We are asking Brighton and Hove City Council to revoke the licence of Coral Greyhound Stadium and put an end to the cruelty of greyhound racing in this constituency. Every week at least two dogs fall, are injured or die at this stadium. 10,000 dogs are removed from the racing circuit every year as more dogs are bred for this industry. The dogs may be exported abroad to countries like China for breeding and racing, killed as surplus to requirements or languish in isolation in kennels for the rest of their lives. All London tracks have closed; let Brighton and Hove be the next. The land in Nevill Road could be used for much needed affordable housing.

If this track is not closed, dogs will continue to be forced to race, exploited and abused. Please help us to end their suffering!

Lead Petitioner – Sarah Whitehead

Additional Information:
None.

- 3.2 The petition's request does not fall directly within the Council's responsibilities and therefore can only be referred to the owners of the greyhound stadium.

4. PROCEDURE:

- 4.1 The petition will be debated at the Council meeting in accordance with the agreed protocol:

- (i) The Lead petitioner will be invited by the Mayor to present the petition and will have up to 3 minutes in which to outline the prayer of the petition and confirm the number of signatures;
- (ii) The Mayor will then open the matter up for debate by councillors for period of 15 minutes and will first call on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the petition and move a proposed response. The Mayor will then call on those councillors who have indicated a desire to speak in the matter, before calling on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the debate;
- (iii) An amendment to the recommendation in paragraph 2.1 of the report or to add additional recommendations should be submitted by 10.00am on the day of the meeting; otherwise it will be subject to the Mayor's discretion as to being appropriate. Any such amendment will need to be formally moved and seconded at the meeting;
- (iv) After the 15 minutes set aside for the debate, the Mayor will then formally put:
 - (a) Any amendments in the order in which they are moved, and
 - (b) The substantive recommendation(s) as amended (if amended).