

Subject: 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 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 where it is considered more appropriate, calls for an officer report on the matter.

3. PETITIONS

3. (i) Brighton Speed Trials

To receive the following petition signed by 23 people at the time of publication:

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to Restore motorcycles to the 2021 Brighton Speed Trials on Madeira Drive.

The Brighton Speed Trials, which started in 1905, celebrate the oldest historic event in the world of motor sports and motorcycles have been a key part of that legacy since the first event, securing their place in motorsport history. Banning powered two wheeled vehicles on the basis of safety and associating it with cycle lanes is absurd, illogical and discriminatory.

PTW's cause no more safety issues than cars or other vehicles and, as a cyclist, motorcyclist and driver of 4 wheeled vehicles, this is simply precluding motorcyclists enjoying this event.

It is also ironic that changes made for unpowered vehicles is stopping (or being used as an excuse to ban) powered vehicles participating in an event specifically for powered vehicles! I call on the council and all those associated bodies that made this ludicrous decision to meet, discuss and reverse it immediately.

