

Brighton & Hove City Council

Transport & Sustainability Committee

Agenda Item 12(a)

Subject: Petitions referred from Full Council

Date of meeting: 6 July 2023

Report of: Executive Director for Governance, People & Resources

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Ward(s) affected: All

1. Purpose of the report and policy context

1.1 To receive petitions presented at the Full Council meeting held on the 30 March 2023.

2. Recommendations

2.1 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. Context and background information

3.1 To receive the following:

Petitions

1) **Improve the Bus Service to Bevendean**

We call on Brighton & Hove Bus company and Brighton & Hove City Council to improve the frequency, reliability and quality of the 48 bus service.

Residents in Bevendean are fed up waiting for the 48. When an already infrequent bus is cancelled at the last minute, it can lead to loss of earnings, cancelled job interviews, fines for missing appointments, and absences from education. On top of all of that, the buses that do turn up often seem to be the oldest and worst performing in the city.

We request that Brighton & Hove Bus company;

Increases the frequency of the 48 bus to every 15 minutes (4 buses per hour) during the working day.

Makes a commitment to prioritise drivers for this route, and therefore reduces the number of cancellations.

Assigns newer and high quality buses to this route.

We further call on Brighton & Hove City Council to support these demands and ensure that the bus company are providing a decent bus service for all residents, irrespective of where they live.

