

# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 21

**Subject:** Petitions

**Date of meeting:** 28 March 2024

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

### 2. Recommendations

2.1 That Council notes the petition(s) and it be referred to the relevant committee.

### 3. Context and background information

3.1 To receive the following petition signed by 516 people at time of publication:

#### (1) Referendum to keep the King Alfred Leisure Centre on Hove Seafront

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to Offer a public referendum on the future of the King Alfred Leisure Centre including the option of restoring the iconic King Alfred leisure centre in its current location to its full Art Deco glory with full indoor sports facilities, community facilities and a re-opening of the roof garden plus underground bowling alley and 450-space underground car park.

It is vital that the popular King Alfred leisure centre is given the chance to continue to serve its local seafront community in its original location without compromise. It is a 3-acre public asset built for the people of Hove 85 years ago, not a private building site. It is also a building of national maritime heritage importance, having provided naval training for 22,500 men and women during WWII. Full restoration would be the cheapest and Greenest option and generations of residents could continue to enjoy it. Residents have so far not been given a fair range of options re the 'redevelopment' of the King Alfred or a fair and unbiased consultation and many do not want a 'King Alfred' leisure centre moved to Hangleton, which is a completely separate community.

