

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**4.30pm 28 MARCH 2024**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors O'Quinn (Chair), Davis, Evans, Fowler, Grimshaw, Meadows, McNair, Robins, Sankey, C Theobald, West, Wilkinson, Williams, Alexander, Allen, Asaduzzaman, Baghoth, Burden, Cattell, Czolak, Daniel, Earthey, Galvin, Goddard, Goldsmith, Helliwell, Hewitt, Hill, Hogan, Lyons, McGregor, McLeay, Miller, Muten, Nann, Oliveira, Pickett, Pumm, Robinson, Rowkins, Sheard, Simon, Stevens, Taylor, Thomson, Winder and Guilmant

**PART ONE**

**21 TO RECEIVE PETITIONS AND E-PETITIONS.**

- 21.1 The Mayor invited the submission of petitions from members of the public. She reminded the Council that petitions would be referred to the appropriate decision-making body without debate and the person presenting the petition would be invited to attend the meeting to which the petition was referred.
- 21.2 Laura King presented a petition signed by 664 residents concerning the Referendum to keep the King Alfred Leisure Centre on Hove Seafront. She queried whether the current plan to build a King Alfred elsewhere had been subject to analysis of the quoted Green Book Approach or HM Treasury Value for money guidelines or measured against the Council's own pledges to promote health and well-being or stated carbon neutral goals. She stated that in a Facebook group straw poll over 95% of respondents had said they received no council leaflet informing them of the King Alfred Consultation. In another Facebook straw poll, 89% of respondents said they had found it difficult or impossible to sign the petition to keep the King Alfred on home Seafront on the council's own website. She requested the petition be extended on the Council website until the next full Council meeting on the 16 May 2024 due to website glitches and further that, full restoration and retrofit of the King Alfred needed to be an option in a new and meaningful consultation.
- 21.3 The Mayor thanked the lead petitioner and stated that the petition would be referred to the relevant decision making for consideration.

**38 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting concluded at 10:25PM

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2024