

Brighton & Hove City Council

Cabinet

Agenda Item 33(a)

Subject: Petitions

Date of meeting: 25 September 2025

Report of: Director- Governance & Law

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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 Cabinet note the petition.

3. Context and background information

- 3.1 To receive the following petition signed by 409 people at the time of publication:

(1) Extend public toilet opening times

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to extend the opening hours of public toilets along the beach and seafront. The current opening times, with many seafront toilets not accessible before 10am and closing by 6pm, are wholly inadequate for a city with a vibrant early morning and late evening beach culture. Proposal for Modernisation: We urge the council to implement remote-controlled locking or shutter systems for public toilets, enabling automatic opening from 6am during the summer, dawn the rest of the year, and the focus of staffing to shift to evening checks and closing up, 9-10pm during summer, dusk the rest of the year. Such systems are widely used, reliable, and can be managed remotely or via programmable timers, eliminating the need for staff to physically unlock each facility. If, during evening checks, an attendant finds a facility in an unusable state, the automatic unlock can be disabled for the next day and the toilet remain closed until the issue is resolved.

- 3.2 To receive the following petition signed by 864 people at the time of publication:

(2) Objection to Withdean Indoor Tennis Court Conversion

We urge the Brighton & Hove City Council to immediately pause these plans and initiate a full and transparent public consultation process. Our

community deserves to have its voice heard on the future of Withdean Sports Complex and its cherished indoor tennis courts.