

# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Special Council

## Agenda Item 3

**Subject:** Petitions

**Date of meeting:** 21 May 2026

**Report of:** Director of 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 Council notes the petition(s).

### 3. Context and background information

3.1 To receive the following petition:

#### Stop the closure of Middle Street Primary School

Middle Street Primary School in Brighton has been a cornerstone of our community for generations. Its impending closure threatens not only the educational future of our children but also the social fabric that ties our neighbourhood together. We must take immediate action to ensure that this invaluable institution remains open, accessible, and thriving for the future of our families and community.

Middle Street Primary is more than just a school; it's where friendships are formed and essential learning experiences are fostered. With a rich history, it provides not only a high standard of education but also a safe and nurturing environment for our children. Closing it down would not only displace many students but also strain overfilled schools in other areas, forcing many families to travel even farther each day.

The proposed closure seems financially motivated, yet it disregards the irreplaceable value of community heritage. Students flourish in familiar and secure environments, and the emotional and academic disruption caused by uprooting them is at stake. According to studies, school closures can significantly impact student performance, social behaviour, and mental health. We need to consider these profound implications meticulously.

Brighton should be investing in its educational infrastructure, fostering growth and maintaining the integrity of its institutions instead of dismantling them. Rather than closing schools, alternative cost-saving measures should be explored. This could include community fundraising initiatives, optimizing existing resources, and lobbying for increased government support.