Subject:		**Eco-Friendly Lights for St Ann's Well Gardens Petition**		
Date of Meeting:		**16 December 2010**		
Report of:		**Monitoring Officer**		
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Wards Affected:	**All**			

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Note: The subject matter of the petition is an executive function and therefore not one that Full Council can make a decision on.

PETITION TRIGGERING A FULL COUNCIL DEBATE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 Under the Council's Petition Scheme if a petition contains more than 1,250 signatures and is not a petition requesting officer evidence, it will be debated by the Full Council.

1.2 A combined paper and e-petition has resulted in triggering a debate at the council meeting, having exceeded the threshold with a total of 1,263 signatures.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the petition is referred to the Cabinet for consideration.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

3.1 **The Petition**

"We the undersigned petition the council to provide financial support and help to install wildlife-friendly lighting along the main paths and entrance of St Ann's Well Gardens similar to that of Hove Park. This will make the park safer at night for everyone who uses it.

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St Ann's Well Gardens is a very well used local park, many events are held there, the cafe is always busy and it is also used as a cut through by people walking to work, home and school. There is need for the paths to be safer and better lit, and for that lighting to be wild life friendly."

Lead Petitioner – Cllr Davies

3.2 As the subject matter of the petition relates to an executive function, the options open to the council are:

- To note the petition and take no action for reasons put forward in the debate; or
- To refer the petition to the relevant Cabinet Member Meeting; or
- To refer the petition to the relevant Cabinet Member Meeting with recommendations.

4. PROCEDURE:

4.1 The petition will be debated at the Council meeting in accordance with the agreed protocol:

(i) The Lead petitioner will be invited by the Mayor to present the petition and will have up to 3 minutes in which to outline the prayer of the petition and confirm the number of signatures;

(ii) The Mayor will then call on the relevant Cabinet Member to respond to the petition and move a proposed response;

(iii) The Mayor will then open the matter up for debate by councillors and call on those councillors who have indicated a desire to move an amendment or additional recommendation(s) to the recommendation listed in paragraph 2.1 of the report;

(iv) Any councillor may move an amendment or recommendation, having regard to the recommendation in 2.1 above and any such proposal will need to be formally seconded;

(v) After a period of 15 minutes, the Mayor will then call an end to the debate and ask the relevant Cabinet Member to reply to the points raised;

(vi) The Mayor will then formally put:

(a) Any amendments in the order in which they are moved, and then
(b) The substantive motion as amended (if amended).