

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 55

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 17 January 2011
Report of: Strategic Director, Resources
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Key Decision: No
Wards Affected: Various

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To receive any petitions presented at Council, any petitions submitted directly to Democratic Services or any e-Petition submitted via the council's website.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member/Committee responds to each petition and in each case gives consideration to a range of options, including the following:
- taking the action requested in the petition
 - considering the petition at a council meeting
 - holding an inquiry into the matter
 - undertaking research into the matter
 - holding a public meeting
 - holding a consultation
 - holding a meeting with petitioners
 - referring the petition for consideration by the council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - calling a referendum
 - writing to the petition organiser setting out the council's views about the request in the petition
 - noting the petition

3. PETITIONS

Petition title

- 3.1 To receive the combined paper petition and e-Petition submitted via the council's website and to Democratic Services by Alex Knutsen and signed by 4,621 people:

"We the undersigned, petition Brighton & Hove City Council that Bright Start Nursery is both viable and sustainable. Agenda Item 34 of the Children & Young People Cabinet Member Meeting (11 October 2010)

does not adequately evaluate the alternatives to closure and the impact to the wider community.

Bright Start Nursery is one of the few city-centre nurseries and an essential resource to the community and should NOT be considered for closure”.