

**Subject:** Petition(s) "Save Our Frontline Policing"  
**Date of Meeting:** 18 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:

2.2 That the Chairman of the Forum 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
- 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
- requesting a further report

#### 3. PETITIONS

##### "Save Our Frontline Policing"

3.1 To receive the following joint e-Petition and paper petition submitted via the council's website and presented at Council on 21 October by Mr C Cooke and signed by 580 people (162 e. petition) (418 paper petition):

*"We the undersigned petition the Council to oppose any cuts to Police Community Support Officers either by the SPA or the Government.*

*As residents of Brighton, Hove and Portslade we urge the city council, through its Community Safety Forum and representative on Sussex Police*

*Authority (SPA), to support our PCSOs who are a vital part of Neighbourhood Policing Teams, are the eyes and ears of the police in our communities and are the visible and approachable face of Sussex Police in local neighbourhoods.*

*PCSOs have proved themselves invaluable in reducing crime and the fear of crime in the areas in which we live.”*