

HOUSING CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 99

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 16 February 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-Petitions submitted via the council's website.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.2 That Cabinet 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

3. PETITIONS

99. (i) To receive the following petition signed by 24 people, that had been submitted to Council on 16 December 2010 by Councillor Turton:

We the undersigned people live at Southease Whitehawk Road need an extension to our car park.

99. (ii) To receive the following petition signed by 22 people which will be presented by Mr John Ramage.

Petition to Repair lift at Viscaria, Donald Hall Road, Brighton, BN2 5DL

Viscaria has a large number of physically disabled and elderly residents who are unable to climb up and down stairs and rely solely on the lift within the block being in service to be able to go out, many of the above mentioned have no care network, in turn no way to replace their independence with going to the shops, etc. The lift has been out of service since the beginning of December 2010, and have been given many different excuses for the lack of repair by BHCC Repairs department.

We, the undersigned, are concerned residents who urge our council leaders to act now to fix the above mentioned lift to enable residents independence.

The Equality Act 2010 provides important rights not to be discriminated against or harassed:

In accessing everyday goods and services like shops, cafes, banks, cinemas and places of worship.