

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 17 March 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
- noting the petition

3. PETITIONS**212. (i) Sure Start Children's Centres**

To receive the following e-Petition submitted via the council's website and accompanying paper petition, both presented at Council on 24 March 2011 by Councillor Hawkes and signed by 50 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to protect access to and services at all of the city's Sure Start Children's Centres.

212. (ii) Hove and Portslade must have a Police Station

To receive the following e-Petition submitted via the council's website and accompanying paper petition, both presented at Council on 24 March 2011 by Councillor Davis and signed by 818 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to work together with Sussex Police to continue to provide the residents of Hove and Portslade with a local Police Station, with full policing capabilities and an accessible, public front desk.

212. (iii) Keep Policing Local

To receive the following petition presented at Council on 24 March 2011 by Councillor Elgood and signed by 445 people:

I/We, as local residents, call on the Sussex Police Authority and its representative at Brighton & Hove City Council to keep the Holland Road Police Station open, and retain full access for the public there.

212. (iv) The proposed sale of Town Hall Council Land, Portslade

To receive a petition presented at Council on 24 March 2011 by Councillor Hamilton and signed by 29 people against the sale of land at Portslade Town Hall, including the car park and council offices.