

Subject:	Petitions		
Date of Meeting:	10 November		
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 Cabinet responds to the petition either by noting it or writing to the petition organiser setting out the Council's views, or where it is considered more appropriate, calls for an officer report on the matter which may give 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

3. PETITIONS**3(i) Palace Pier**

To receive the following e-Petition and paper petition presented at Council on 20 October 2011 by Councillor Gill Mitchell and signed by 253 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to recognise that the sale of this city's 1011 year old pier provides the perfect opportunity to actively work with any potential owner to ensure that the currently named 'Brighton Pier' is officially restored to its original name by which it is still affectionately known by local people today - 'the Palace Pier'.

3(ii) Blatchington Mill School Hockey Pitches

To receive the following paper petition presented by Mr Brian Fitch and signed by 15 people:

We the undersigned , request the Cabinet to reject the proposals and the granting of a lease for the creation of an all-weather surface and installation of fifteen metre floodlighting, on Blatchington Mill School Playing Fields, for the following reasons:

- *There will be a negative effect on the management of school facilities of the proposed number of users is achieved.*
- *The pupils will no longer have the use of the field for informal recreation during the school day and evenings.*
- *There is significant financial risk to the school maintaining current provisions if the agreement is not fulfilled and the income fails to cover the debt – the lease requested is for 100 years.*
- *The proposed use to achieve the required income will negatively effect the local residents and the environment with increased traffic, increased energy use and light pollution from floodlights.*