

**Subject:** Petitions  
**Date of Meeting:** 2 February 2012  
**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 Member/Committee 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) Royal Sussex County Hospital Transport Petition**

To receive the following e-Petition submitted via the council's website by Alison Walters B&H Friends of the Earth:

*Give us a choice! - Royal Sussex County Hospital Transport Petition - We, the undersigned, welcome the redevelopment of the Royal Sussex County Hospital but believe that it should not be approved until the proposals are modified to reduce the traffic impact. The hospital trust should be required to invest at least the same amount of money as it is spending on the new underground car park, on walking, cycling and public transport measures.*

*Only by doing this will visitors and staff be given a real choice of travel, and congestion and air pollution will be minimised*

**3. (ii) Improving Transport - Royal Sussex County Hospital development**

To receive the following e-Petition submitted via the council's website by Gillian MacKenzie:

*Improving transport at Royal Sussex development - Make visiting and parking easier for the elderly*