

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 24 January 2013
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To receive those petitions presented to the Full Council and referred to the committee for consideration.
- 1.2 To receive any petitions to be presented or which have been submitted via the council's website or for which notice has been given directly to Democratic Services.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the 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

3.1 Notified petitions:

3.1.1 (i) **Council Tax Benefit Cuts**

To receive the following petition referred from the meeting of Full Council on 13 December 2012 and signed by 661 people:

“We the undersigned petition the council to reject the demand from the Con-Dem government to cut council tax benefit.”

Lead petitioner – Mr. Paul Moorhouse

3.1.2 (ii) Prioritise Schools Provision in the City Plan

To receive the following combined e-petition and paper petition, which has been signed by 139 people on the council’s website:

“We the undersigned petition the council to explicitly provide in the City Plan for sufficient schools and school places for families already living in the Brighton and Hove area, and for those moving into the area, especially in parts of the city where there is already an acute shortage of school places.”

Lead petitioner – Ms. Katherine Laux

3.2 To receive any other petitions: