

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 20 March 2014
Report of: Monitoring Officer
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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) **'Old Police Station' – St Andrew's Road, Portslade**

To receive the following e-petition which has been signed by 156 people:

“We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to Stop any imminent redevelopment works on the 'Old Police Station' immediately and allow local residents to be consulted on the buildings future use. We the undersigned believe this building to be of significant local interest and part of our community’s heritage and propose consideration of the building for use in the community.”

Lead petitioner – Ms. A. Scales

3.1.2 **(ii) ‘Don’t Privatise Our NHS Sexual Health Services**

To receive the following combined paper and e-petition which has been signed by 754 people:

“To:

Brighton & Hove City Council, Policy & Resources Committee

Where sexual health services have been tendered out in other parts of the country, it has negatively impacted on the provision of those services; having a disintegrating and destabilising effect, leading to the fragmentation of services. This can cause significant uncertainty amongst patients and staff, and has led to a reduction in overall levels of patient care.

We, the undersigned, call upon Brighton & Hove City Council to halt their schedule of tendering and procurement for sexual health services.”

Lead petitioner – Mr. S. Tilbury