

**Subject:** Extract from the proceedings of the Full Council meeting held on the 24 March 2016

**Date of Meeting:** 28 June 2016

**Report of:** Head of Legal & Democratic Services & Monitoring Officer

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**Wards Affected:** All

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***Action Required of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee:***  
To receive the petition referred from the Full Council for information.

**Recommendations:**

That the Committee consider the petition and agree to the request.

## BRIGHTON &amp; HOVE CITY COUNCIL

## COUNCIL

4.30pm 24 MARCH 2016

## COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

## MINUTES

**Present:** Councillors Hyde (Chair), West (Deputy Chair), Allen, Atkinson, Barnett, Barradell, Bell, Bennett, Bewick, Brown, Cattell, Chapman, Cobb, Daniel, Druitt, Gibson, Gilbey, Greenbaum, Hamilton, Hill, Horan, Inkipin-Leissner, Janio, Knight, Lewry, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Marsh, Meadows, Mears, Miller, Mitchell, Moonan, Morris, Nemeth, A Norman, K Norman, O'Quinn, Peltzer Dunn, Penn, Robins, Simson, Sykes, Taylor, C Theobald, G Theobald, Wares, Wealls and Yates

PART ONE**98 PETITIONS FOR COUNCIL DEBATE****(b) Save Withdean (Puppy) Park Fence Enclosure**

- 98.1 The Mayor then invited Ms. Cox to present the petition calling on the Council to support the local dog walkers in maintaining the fenced area in Withdean Park.
- 98.2 Ms. Cox thanked the Mayor and stated that there was overwhelming support for the petition in the local community as the space was important for dogs and puppies and those that enjoyed the atmosphere. The area was an important space where dogs could be let off the lead without them being at risk from the traffic. The campaign group were now formally known as the Withdean Dog Walking Community and they had recruited members with a range of specialisms. The group had some start-up funding, committed volunteer time and had come up with inexpensive fundraising ideas. The group had taken up the offer of contractor hours for the needed work in collaboration with the Friends of Withdean Park, and asked the Council to formally recognise them as a community group and consult them on any future proposed changes to the park.
- 98.3 Councillor Mitchell thanked Ms. Cox for presenting the petition and stated that the group had been able to successfully work with Councillor Wares to reach an agreement to allow residents to take on responsibility for the upkeep of the fence in the context of reductions in Council budgets. This solution was considered mutually beneficial for all and would retain the use of the space for dog walkers.
- 98.4 Councillor Wares congratulated those that had worked on the campaign and raised the number of signatures necessary to bring this item forward for Council debate, and he

welcomed the agreement of a resolution before the matter had been brought to Council. Councillor Wares thanked Councillor Mitchell for her support of Officers engaging with residents; he asked that the petition be referred to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee to ensure the proposed arrangements could be formally agreed.

- 98.5 The Mayor then put the recommendation to refer the petition to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016, to the vote, which was agreed.
- 98.6 **RESOLVED:** That the petition be referred to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

