

CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE'S CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 45
Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Petition(s)
Date of Meeting: 4 April 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
- calling for a report

3. PETITIONS

(a) Petition title: Change to Dorothy Stringer/Varndean Catchment Area to Include East of Dyke Road for 2013/14 Intake, do not Postpone the Decision Until 2014/15

3. (i) To receive the following e-Petition presented at Council on 22 March 2012 via the council's website containing 215 signatures and a paper petition containing a further 102 signatures (total 317 at time of going to print)

Change to Dorothy Stringer/Varndean Catchment Area to Include East of Dyke Road for 2013/14 Intake, do not Postpone the Decision Until 2014/15

“We the undersigned petition the Council;

As Brighton and Hove City Council have already highlighted there are issues for children travelling to Hove Park. They are not able to attend extra curriculum clubs and socialise with their peers after school. We want our children to be able to walk to their local schools and remain in their community. There is no point in postponing this decision as it is just delaying the solution and affecting the education of even more people in the process. To give us hope and an opportunity to consult on this issue and then to delay the decision and deny the current Year 5 students this option would be unfair! A decision needs to be made now!”

(b) Petition Title:Opposition to Proposed Boundary Changes Dorothy Stringer/Varndean Catchment Area to Include East of Dyke Road for 2013/14

- 3(ii)** To receive the following paper petition notified to the council containing (22 signatures at time of going to print)

“In response to the campaign in favour of moving the Dorothy Stringer/Varndean catchment to include families living east of Dyke Road we invite you to sign our petition opposing this change. There has been a lot of misinformation put out about this complex issue and we encourage you to (read on) and hear the other side. There is an assumption that all Stanford parents should support these changes, but actually if this goes ahead it will have a very negative impact on many children attending Stanford. So please help. Rather than vilifying some local schools we should be giving them support and addressing the issues that will help improve them.”