

Subject: Items referred from 23 October 2014 Full Council meeting- Petitions

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Report of: Monitoring Officer

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Wards Affected: Various

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 To receive any petitions referred from the Full Council meeting of 23 October 2014.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.2 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. (i) Mile Oak Improvements- Ms Soanes**

To receive the following petition referred from the meeting of Full Council on 23 October 2014 and signed by 1388 people:

"We the undersigned are concerned about the suitability and lack of appropriate and safe play equipment in The Mile Oak Recreation Ground play area for both young children and teenagers. Also, that there is no provision for those with disabilities, disabled access or wheel-chair use. Therefore, we are asking Brighton and Hove City Council to improve the facilities and play equipment provision in the Mile Oak Recreation Ground play area to make it

comparable with the other parks in the city that also received play builder funding.”

3. (ii) Ban Animal Circus Acts- Ms Baumgardt

To receive the following petition referred from the meeting of Full Council on 23 October 2014 and signed by 141 people

“We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to refuse any circuses using animal acts from performing in Brighton & Hove.”

Other councils in the British Isles have banned animal acts as have many other countries around the world. There are many good circuses using only human acts. Using animals to perform in a circus is out of date and undignified for the animal”.

3. (iii) Bus Shelter Grand Avenue- Mr Magee

To receive the following petition referred from the meeting of Full Council on 23 October 2014 and signed by 375 people

“We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to provide a bus shelter and real time bus information display at the north-bound bus stop located outside Warnham Court on Grand Avenue Hove.”

I, like many other local residents am a pensioner and particularly rely on the 700 bus service to get into town as it is a shorter walk then getting to the Church Road bus stops. However, this is an exposed spot with high winds and rain frequently blowing off the sea. I would, therefore like the Council to provide a shelter and information board to enable me, and others, to continue getting this service”

3. (iv) Event Day Parking- Councillor Marsh

To receive the following petition referred from the meeting of Full Council on 23 October 2014 and signed by 140 people

“We the undersigned call on the Council to properly enforce the Amex event day parking scheme in our area. Whilst residents are pleased to have the scheme, visitors, football supporters and non-residents are still parking in the bays, on yellow lines and selfishly blocking access to buses, emergency vehicles and residents. The enforcement is erratic and they are not getting fined or towed away as they should be.”

3. (v) Pedestrian Crossing on Whitehawk Road- Councillor Mitchell

To receive the following petition referred from the meeting of Full Council on 23 October 2014 and signed by 1020 people

“We the undersigned wish to petition Brighton and Hove Council to provide a pedestrian crossing at the southern end of Whitehawk Road (near the Steiner School and PO) as the level and speed of traffic has

increased dramatically, causing a significant danger to local people. Particularly vulnerable are the elderly residents of the Nurses home and also the children at the school.”

3. (vi) Water Fountains- Councillor Duncan

To receive the following petition referred from the meeting of Full Council on 23 October 2014 and signed by 175 people

“Provide free clean drinking water, through a network of public drinking fountains, throughout the city.”

