

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 4 December 2014
Report of: Head of Law & 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 Petitions referred from the Council meeting on 23 October 2014:

(i) Local Taxation

To receive the following petition signed by 612 online signatures and 20 paper signatures:

“We call upon Brighton & Hove City Council to invest time and resources now into investigating all possible legal avenues to make those residents with the greatest housing wealth pay a greater contribution in local taxes, and do this with full engagement between the Council and residents. Furthermore, we ask Councillors from Brighton & Hove Green Party and Brighton & Hove Labour Party to do everything possible to support Council Officers in the development of a more progressive form of local funding that will support life for the many, not just the few.”

Lead petitioner – David Walker