NEIGHBOURHOODS, INCLUSION COMMUNITIES & EQUALITIES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 6 (a)

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Hove Carnegie Library Petition

Date of Meeting: 1 July 2019

Report of: Executive Lead, Strategy, Governance and Law

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive any petitions submitted directly to Democratic Services or any e-Petition submitted via the council's website.

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) Hove Carnegie Library

To receive the following petition signed by 105 people, led by Christopher Hawtree presented by Councillor Andrew Wealls to Full Council held on 28 March 2019:

"Although we, the undersigned, are glad that Councillor Daniel has honoured the initial promise that the splendid room at our Carnegie Library let to the private music college will be open to all readers in the college holidays, we remain aghast that this public space is largely lost to us. We seek its complete return to us as it is little used by the college

and nets just £10,000 a year. This can readily be done as it is on an annually-renewed contract."