

Subject:	Petitions		
Date of Meeting:	16 January 2019		
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 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
- calling a referendum

3. PETITIONS

3. (i) Keep Hollingbury Park GC as a golf course – Matt Shimmans

To receive the following e-petition and paper petition signed by 2401 people at the time of publication:

"We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to ensure Hollingbury Park GC continues to remain as a golf course available to the general public. As one the last 2 municipal golf courses it is important Hollingbury continues to exist as a golf club, providing affordable and accessible golf to local residents. The course is already a thriving club with opportunity for further improvement and is also resident to a local junior golf business helping bring a new generation of local residents in to the game."

3. (ii) Keep Waterhall Golf Club as a Golf Course – Denis Jenkins

To receive the following petition signed by 264 people at the time of publication:

“We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to ensure Waterhall continues its use as a Golf Course
Waterhall Golf Course is a Public course, because of its unique natural drainage it can still be played when most other courses in Sussex cannot. We have been advised that 15 bids were made, some intending to keep the course open for golf, please choose a bid that keeps Golf at Waterhall”.

3. (iii) Create a haven for wildlife and wellbeing by restoring biodiversity on Hollingbury and Waterhall golf courses – Claudia Fisher

To receive the following petition signed by 2315 people at the time of publication:

“We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to 1. ‘Pause’ for sufficient time to carefully consider the future of Hollingbury and Waterhall golf courses (and to complete points 2 & 3), 2. Undertake a full public consultation with all stakeholders (such as Brighton Downs Alliance), and 3. Assess the environmental resources of the two sites before committing to any long-term business arrangements”.