

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 16 September 2020
Report of: Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & 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
- calling a referendum

3. PETITIONS**Open the mutual exchange NOW so social housing people can move**

Lead Petitioner – Nikki Boyd

- 3.1 To receive the following petition signed by 183 people at the time of publication:

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to re-open the mutual exchange, so social tenants can choose to move.

Many of us were in the middle of exchanges when they were cancelled in March 2020 due to Covid, everywhere is now getting back to the new normal, work, schools, pubs etc. well everywhere except our council, private tenants

renting or buying have been able to move since 4/5/20 but still nothing is happening with Brighton and Hove mutual exchange, I bet I'm not the only person in our city who is desperate for this service to open, and even after contacting 3/4 Labour councillors and lots of other council staff nobody seems to have an answer of when we will be able to move.

PLEASE SIGN so we can get a date for when this service will be available again.