# CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE

### Agenda Item 43(a)

**Brighton & Hove City Council** 

Subject: Petition(s)

Date of Meeting: 14 January 2013

Report of: Strategic Director, Resources

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**Key Decision:** No Interim Chief, Executive Services

Wards Affected: All

#### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive any petitions presented at Council, 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:
  - s taking the action requested in the petition
  - s 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

## **3A.** For Saltdean/Rottingdean Based Local Toddlers and Babies Support Groups for Mums/Carers

"Please sign below to support this petition against funding cuts to discontinue our much loved and used <u>Toddlers and Babies Support Group</u> at The Saltdean Children's Centre.

This is the second *funding cuts* to such local group, which means mums are expected to rely on travelling to groups in other areas of Brighton and Hove, where funding is still given. Also, one voluntary Group at the Lido was closed (Sunday Kids café and play), and another (St Nick's Chicks) at St Nicholas Church is due to close due to higher fees needed to run and more voluntary staffing." (119 signatures)

#### **3B.** Proposed Stanford Infant School Expansion

"We, the undersigned, object to the council's planned expansion of Stanford Infant School. We implore the Council to conduct an open, honest and accessible consultation before any decision is taken." (number of signatures to be advised, paper petition to be provided at the meeting)