

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 14 February 2013
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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 Notified petitions:
 - 3.1.1 (i) **Vote of no confidence in the current Green Administration and the establishment of a coalition between Conservative, Labour and independent councillors.**

To receive the following petition referred from the meeting of Full Council on 31 January 2013 and signed by 661 people:

“We the undersigned petition the council to request that the Labour and Conservative groups form a coalition administration and take over the running of the city from the current Green administration.

The current administration has shown a profound lack of understanding with regards to business in the city of Brighton and Hove. Increased parking charges and money wasted on cycle routes that are hardly used are just two of the glaring acts of vandalism that the Green administration have committed. Before more businesses and jobs and frontline services are lost due to their mismanagement the other parties represented in the council put down their cudgels and form a coalition to run the city until the next local election. The damage that will be done to the city over the next two years could take decades to recover from. With your help we can return the city to prosperity whilst improving the environment and creating jobs. We need people in charge of the city who are interested in its citizens. Leaving the Greens to mess up and hope people won't vote for them next time is not a sustainable policy.”

Lead petitioner – Mr. Adam Campbell

3.2 To receive any other petitions: