

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 27 March 2013
Report of: Monitoring Officer
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Key Decision: No
Wards Affected: Various

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:

- § 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) Stop fencing in Tenantry Down for Grazing- Sue Grimstone

To receive the following E-Petition signed by 12 people:

"We the undersigned petition the council to leave Tenantry Down unfenced. This area is part of the Race Ground given to the people of Brighton in 1822 for recreation. If it was fenced public access would be restricted, not only by the fencing, but by the sheep being in it for several months of the year. It would also look unsightly. We would like to see the

return of conservation mowing and collection to help maintain the wild flowers that already grow there and the wildlife that uses it. The public were not consulted about fencing in this area and grazing sheep”.

(ii) Allotment plot chopping in Brighton and Hove- Gary Johnson

To receive the following E-Petition signed by 29 people:

“We the undersigned petition the council to postpone the current chopping in half of all existing ten rod plots, until after the current allotment strategy review of allotments has been completed. The current plot chopping is damaging to allotment life”