

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 3 December 2015
Report of: Head of Law & Monitoring Officer
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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:

- i) **Hold i360 to Account.** Petition from Mr. R. Heale referred from the Council meeting held on the 22 October 2015.

To receive the following ePetition:

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to hold i360 Ltd to account in order to benefit the best interests of the residents of this City.

Justification:

We note that the previous Council Administration approved this Scheme with the minimum of public consultation and that the Council lent £36.2 Million to i360 Ltd.

We urge that Company to minimise any environmental damage as a result of the scheme, ensure public access to the area around the West Pier and ensure that we get the full return with additional interest from the Council stake in this Scheme. In particular we ask:-

1. The Council to use its powers, including bye-laws, to ensure that the area is protected, that minimal disruption is caused and that the interests of residents and small businesses are protected.
2. The Council to ensure that the current Planning Conditions are enforced and that these are strengthened where necessary.
3. The Council to ensure that there is no encroachment by the i360 LTD onto the beach and other areas of the seafront beyond the strict boundaries already agreed.
4. The Council to ensure that all relevant Legislation including Health and Safety Laws are adhered to.
5. The Council to apply all relevant financial penalties, Community benefits, Business Rates and other sources of income to ensure that any potential losses now or in the future are minimised.