

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Rottingdean Air Quality &amp; Traffic – Petition for Debate</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>24 March 2016</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Lead for Strategy, Governance &amp; Law (Monitoring Officer)</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 Under the Council's Petition Scheme if a petition contains more than 1,250 signatures and is not a petition requesting officer evidence, it will be debated by the Full Council.
- 1.2 An e-petition has resulted in triggering a debate at the council meeting, having exceeded the threshold with a total of 1309 signatures confirmed at the time of printing the report.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for consideration at its meeting on 11 October 2016.

**3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:****3.1 The Petition**

Rottingdean Air Quality & Traffic

"We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to take action, at the earliest possible opportunity, to address and provide solutions to the poor air quality in Rottingdean's historic High Street. This unacceptable air quality, that consistently exceeds EU and UK legal limits, is caused in the main by diesel emissions from the high volume of traffic passing through the High Street, which is a designated Air Quality Management Area.."

Lead Petitioner – Nigel Smith

Supporting information:

The effect of air pollution on health is well documented, especially for children and elderly residents. There are two schools within 100 metres of Rottingdean

High Street's AQMA and Rottingdean has an above average number of elderly residents. Pollution is responsible for over 40,000 deaths every year in the UK. It also causes a multitude of severe chronic illnesses. Quote from B&HCC Air Quality Action Plan: "The contribution of cars and vans to the ambient NO2 is more substantial in Rottingdean High Street, than anywhere else in the City Council area." This petition is submitted by SAFE, Rottingdean's campaign group, in conjunction with Rottingdean Parish Council, on behalf of the residents of Rottingdean village.

3.2 The options open to the council are:

- To note the petition and take no action for reasons put forward in the debate; or
- To refer the petition to the relevant Committee meeting; or
- To refer the petition to the relevant Committee meeting with recommendations.

#### **4. PROCEDURE:**

4.1 The petition will be debated at the Council meeting in accordance with the agreed protocol:

- (i) The Lead petitioner will be invited by the Mayor to present the petition and will have up to 3 minutes in which to outline the prayer of the petition and confirm the number of signatures;
- (ii) The Mayor will then open the matter up for debate by councillors for period of 15 minutes and will first call on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the petition and move a proposed response. The Mayor will then call on those councillors who have indicated a desire to speak in the matter, before calling on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the debate;
- (iii) Any councillor may move an amendment or recommendation, having regard to the recommendation in 2.1 above and any such proposal will need to be formally seconded;
- (iv) After the 15 minutes set aside for the debate, the Mayor will then formally put:
  - (a) Any amendments in the order in which they are moved, and
  - (b) The substantive recommendation(s) as amended (if amended).