

<b>Council</b>	<b>Agenda Item 65(a)</b>
27 January 2011	Brighton & Hove City Council

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Save School Partnerships in our city Petition</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>27 January 2011</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Monitoring Officer</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

### For general release

**Note:** The subject matter of the petition is an executive function and therefore not one that Full Council can make a decision on.

## PETITION TRIGGERING A FULL COUNCIL DEBATE

### 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 A combined paper and e-petition has resulted in triggering a debate at the council meeting, having exceeded the threshold with a total of 1,273 signatures.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the petition is referred to the Cabinet for consideration.

### 3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

#### 3.1 The Petition

"We the undersigned petition the council to lobby the Coalition Government for the retention of the Brighton & Hove Schools Sports Partnership. We deplore the action by the government that, without consultation, has removed the funding from this partnership along with the 499 other such partnerships in schools across the country. Since the clubs started in the year 2000, participation rates among all school students has increased from 25% to 95% with 72 individual schools in Brighton and Hove benefiting from the wide range of sporting activities on offer. We support the local teachers and students that have been involved with providing the network of different activities to help young people stay fit and healthy and call on the City Council to maintain this partnership that is doing so much to increase the sporting skills and participation of all of the city's young people."

Lead Petitioner – Councillor Melanie Davis

3.2 As the subject matter of the petition relates to a Government decision, 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 Cabinet; or
- To refer the petition to the Cabinet 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 call on the relevant Cabinet Member to respond to the petition and move a proposed response;
- (iii) The Mayor will then open the matter up for debate by councillors and call on those councillors who have indicated a desire to move an amendment or additional recommendation(s) to the recommendation listed in paragraph 2.1 of the report;
- (iv) 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;
- (v) After a period of 15 minutes, the Mayor will then call an end to the debate and ask the relevant Cabinet Member to reply to the points raised;
- (vi) The Mayor will then formally put:
  - (a) Any amendments in the order in which they are moved, and then
  - (b) The substantive recommendation(s) as amended (if amended).