# CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & SKILLS COMMITTEE

### Agenda Item 5(a)

**Brighton & Hove City Council** 

Subject: Petitions

Date of Meeting: 19 June 2017

Report of: Monitoring Officer

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Wards Affected: Various

#### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive 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
  - calling a referendum

#### 3. PETITIONS

## 3. (i) Give our Children a Secondary School Place in Catchment- Martin Dominy

To receive the following petition referred from the meeting of Full Council on 6 April and signed by 1446 people

"We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to commit to place all children, who did not receive any of their three preferences for a secondary school, into a catchment area school, as they have done in previous years. If these children are entered into the re-allocation process, they must be given priority over children who already have a place in their catchment".

**Note:** A minute extract of the proceedings of the debate by Full Council is attached at Appendix 1

#### 3. (ii) Queens Park Nursery-Mark Mitchell

To receive the following petition referred from the meeting of Full Council on 6 April and signed by 593 people:

"Queens Park Nursery is a valued asset to our community. We the undersigned believe that closing it would deny local children the opportunity to learn in an outstanding environment. We ask that the council find against the proposal to shut the Nursery and agree to keep it open".