

Subject:	Water Fountains To Reduce Rubbish and Pollution Petition for Debate		
Date of Meeting:	2 November 2017		
Report of:	Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law		
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Wards Affected:	All		

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 petition requesting officer evidence, it will be debated by the Full Council.
- 1.2 The e-petition has resulted in triggering a debate at the council meeting, having exceeded the threshold with a total of 2,595 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 the 28th November 2017.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**3.1 The Petition****Water Fountains to Reduce Rubbish and Pollution**

"We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to provide research into a full costing for setting up 6 simple drinking "fountains" (taps) capable of being used to fill bottles around the town in order to attempt to reduce the excessive use of plastic in purchased water bottles and the consequent pollution and cost of rubbish disposal. Such a costing should take into account any savings from reduced rubbish as well as the construction and running costs of each fountain and could exact a small levy on supermarket rent and rates to contribute to the running costs."

Lead Petitioner – Charles Ross

Additional Information

In this way we can plan a future where no water is sold in bottles in Brighton and people carry a bottle knowing there are multiple water refill points throughout the city. The fountains could be made into more elaborate and ornamental structures through crowd funding which would add to the charm of the town and contribute to reduced litter in the streets, beaches and countryside.

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:
- (v) (a) Any amendments in the order in which they are moved, and
(b) The substantive recommendation(s) as amended (if amended).