

Brighton & Hove City Council

Children, Young People & Skills Committee

Agenda Item 51(a)

Subject: Take Action to Protect Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking
Children in Brighton & Hove
Petition

Date of meeting: 6 March 2023

Ward(s) affected: All

For general release

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To receive the following e-Petition which was submitted via the council's website on 2 February 2023.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee responds to the petition either by noting it, or where it is considered more appropriate, by calling for an officer report on the matter.

3. CONTEXT / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- 3.1 To receive the following petition signed by 40 people at the time of publication:

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to publicly acknowledge that they have failed the 136 children who have gone and continue to go missing from a hotel in our city — and commit to using all of their influence and power to produce and implement a viable plan of action to safeguard these children immediately.

Since the Home Office began housing asylum seekers in hotels in Brighton and Hove in July, 2021, over 136 children have gone missing from Home Office run hotels in Brighton and Hove alone.

