

CULTURE, RECREATION AND TOURISM CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 74

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 10 February 2009
Report of: Director of Strategy & Governance
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Key Decision: No
Wards Affected: All

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1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive the following petition presented at Council on 4 December 2008, Council on 29 January 2009 and any petitions presented directly to the Culture Recreation and Tourism Cabinet Member Meeting.

74(i) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 4 December by Councillor Elgood and signed by 50 people:

“We the undersigned call on Brighton & Hove City Council to open Hove Library on Sundays.”

74(ii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 29 January by Councillor Davis and signed by 50 people:

“We the undersigned residents of Goldsmid Ward call upon the Council to open Hove’s Carnegie Library on a Monday and to increase the book stock.”

74(iii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 29 January by Councillor Hamilton and signed by 72 people:

“We urge the Council to increase the opening hours and book stock of Portslade and Hangleton libraries forthwith.”

74(iv) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 29 January by Councillor Carden and signed by 56 people:

“We, Portslade residents wish to state that the branch libraries are a vital part of life and should contain more books and that there should be no cuts to the mobile library service.”

74(v) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 29 January by Councillor Turton and signed by 85 people:

“We, the undersigned urge the Council to increase the stock and opening hours of White hawk and Rottingdean Libraries as they are an increasingly valuable resource in these times.”

- 74(vi) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 29 January by Councillor Bennett and signed by 49 people:

“We, the undersigned Stanford residents ask the Council to open Hove Library on a Monday and increase the library provision in our area.”

- 74(vii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 29 January by Councillor Wells and signed by 88 people:

“As residents of Woodingdean, we call upon the Council to honour our part in the city’s life by opening our library for longer and increasing its stock before much more of the twenty-first century has slipped by.”

- 74(viii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 29 January by Councillor Allen and signed by 51 people:

“We request the Council to give a full and frank explanation of the prolonged breakdown of all the computers in the library service and to spend the compensation money on more books.”

- 74(ix) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 29 January by Councillor Randall on behalf of Councillor Taylor and signed by 92 people:

“We call upon the Council to make a significant and elegant increase to the shelving in the Jubilee Library so that it looks more like a library.”

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the petitions presented at the two Council meetings as detailed above be noted and any subsequent action resulting from the nature of each petition be determined.