

**Subject:** Petitions  
**Date of Meeting:** 19 March 2015  
**Report of:** Head of Law & Monitoring Officer  
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**Wards Affected:** All

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE**

**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 To receive those petitions presented to the Full Council and referred to the committee for consideration.
- 1.2 To receive any petitions to be presented or which have been submitted via the council's website or for which notice has been given directly to Democratic Services.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 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
  - referring the petition for consideration by the council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee
  - calling a referendum

**3. PETITIONS**

- 3.1 Notified petitions:

**(i) Continuation of Stanmer Park Horse Rescue Centre (SPHRC)**

To receive the following petition signed by 20 signatures:

*“SPHRC is a self-funded final sanctuary for horses that have been abandoned or passed on by the RSPCA and is now under threat of closure by Brighton & Hove City Council.”*

Lead Petitioner: Ann Markwick, Stanmer Preservation Society

**(ii) Compulsory Purchase Medina House, Kings Esplanade, Hove**

To receive the following ePetition:

*“In the dying days of Hove Borough Council late Victorian Medina House (1894) was sold to Sirius Taghan. Some 16 or so years on, and many failed planning applications later, the last saltwater bathhouse standing has also suffered two unexplained fires on its top floor.*

*The second of these fires occurred on the evening of 20th December, 2014 and was extinguished without the roof being breached or damaged (which the fire service feared could happen).*

*Medina House sits in the Cliftonville Conservation Area and is on the local list of buildings of local importance but it is not a Listed building (which many think it is). Its' Royal Doulton tiling has been removed/vandalised. Its' pool infilled with concrete. It has survived two fires under its roof and, with the surviving cottages of Sussex Road and Victoria Cottages abutting its back wall area it forms a single, untouched and unified heritage unit up to the Kingsway and Victoria Terrace (which is Grade 2 Listed).*

*It was built as a bath house. It was used for diamond cutting before it was sold to Sirius Taghan. Ideas for conversion have included: art gallery, boutique hotel, housing and a spa.*

*As a result of a saveHOVE petition and campaign, a Planning Brief was created by Brighton & Hove City Council which recognises its worth as a building to retain. It is time this building was restored and brought back into use and the present owner refuses to do it. Before any more damage accrues, the time has come for Brighton & Hove City Council to step in and buy it by compulsory purchase order.”*

Lead Petitioner: Valerie Paynter - SaveHOVE