

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Preston Park Cycle Track. Petition Triggering Full Debate</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>26 March 2015</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Monitoring Officer</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**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 An e-petition has resulted in triggering a debate at the council meeting, having exceeded the threshold with a total of 3,641 signatures confirmed at the time of printing the report.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the Economic Development & Culture Committee for consideration at its next meeting.

**3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:****3.1 The Petition**

"We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to complete the work needed to make Preston Park Cycle Track suitable for the racing season of 2015. We would also like to see investment in this facility to help make it the centre of excellence for cycling it could be for our area.

The oldest outdoor cycle track in the country is in danger of being lost due to lack of investment and care.

Preston Park Cycle Track has loads of potential for open cycling events which can draw in the crowds from afar if looked after properly.

Please see the potential and save the track."

Lead Petitioner – Rupert Rivett

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 call on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the petition and move a proposed response;
- (iii) The Mayor will then open the matter up for debate by councillors and call on those councillors who have indicated a desire to move an amendment or additional recommendation(s) to the recommendation listed in paragraph 2.1 of the report;
- (iv) 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;
- (v) After a period of 15 minutes, the Mayor will then call an end to the debate and ask the relevant Committee Chair to reply to the points raised;
- (vi) The Mayor will then formally put:
  - (a) Any amendments in the order in which they are moved, and
  - (b) The substantive recommendation(s) as amended (if amended).