

Subject: Items referred from 19 July 2018 Full Council meeting- Petitions
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Wards Affected: Various

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive any petitions referred from the Full Council meeting of 19 July 2018.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.2 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. (i) George Street Mural– Christopher Hawtree

To receive the following petition referred from the meeting of Full Council and signed by 114 people:

“We ask for the immediate renovation of the refulgent Mural (created with funds from the EU and local traders) which links George Street and Haddington Street. We also ask that it then be treated with an anti-graffiti compound to prevent further unsavoury attempts to spoil life in our glorious town of Hove”

3. (ii) St John's Church recycling bring point–

To receive the following petition referred from the meeting of Full Council and signed by 208 people:

“We the undersigned :

- are in favour of all initiatives to improve our city's recycling rates*
- consider however that the current recycling bring point has expanded too much and has become too large. It now dominates the street scene adjacent to St John's Church on one of our city's main heritage squares;*
- consider that as a result, the bring site attracts mess and flytipping causing further blight;*
- consider that there is an opportunity to enhance this public space adjacent to the Floral Clock, an important city heritage square;*
- Request BHCC to think about alternative options for siting the bring point, for example on the adjacent paced area between Church Road and Western Road;*
- Request BHCC to work with local business to enhance/regenerate the paved area adjacent to St John's Church”*

3. (iii) Cityclean Missed Collections– Arron Rickson

To receive the following petition debated and referred from the meeting of Full Council and signed by 769 people:

“We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to investigate multiple missed refuse, recycling and Garden Waste. There have been multiple missed collections this year as well lack of communication of Garden Waste collection dates. Official complaints are not answered and calls to Cityclean are often dealt with lack of knowledge and very vague "operational issues" excuses. We want clear understanding of reasons and remediation and action plans. Roads are left with rubbish spilling into the street and making it unhygienic and rodent friendly. With council tax having gone up and extra charges for garden collection this is unacceptable and needs resolving”.

3. (iv) Regency Square & i360– Neil Rosborough

To receive the following petition debated and referred from the meeting of Full Council and signed by 1443 people:

“The opening of the BAi360 is bringing thousands of visitors to our area and we, the undersigned ask the Council to improve the front of the Square by addressing the following problems.

- 1. Illegal motorcycle parking on the crazy paving/pebbled hard standing section of the front lawn.(Note - it is only a handful of motorcycles who park here regularly but their high visibility on the front of our*

square encourages many motorcycles passing by to turn right into Regency Square and on busy weekends we can have up to 40 motor cycles illegally parked. A small M/C bay (perhaps for 5) either side of the square should satisfy the regular offenders.)

- 2. Perhaps consideration could be given to allowing resident parking permit holders (Z) access to the car park which would enable the car parking bays on either side of the square to be greatly reduced and so reduce the congestion of those queuing to get into the car park.*
- 3. The front lawn pebbles are hazardous for elderly pedestrians and entirely unsuitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. (a cement screed or decking over these pebbles would remove the problem.)*
- 4. The lighting for this area is inadequate for what will be a very busy vantage point for visitors.*
- 5. The stone steps around the memorial statue and the statue itself are in need of cleaning and the railings around the whole area are also in need of repair and decoration.*

Note: An extract of the proceedings of Full Council can be found at Appendix 1

