

<b>Council</b>	<b>Agenda Item 89 (3)</b>
28 March 2019	Brighton & Hove City Council

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Youth Strike Action for Climate Change Petition for Debate</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>28 March 2019</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance &amp; Law</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 The e-petition has resulted in triggering a debate at the council meeting, having exceeded the threshold with a total of 1,306 signatures confirmed at the time of printing the report.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the Environment, Sustainability & Transport Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

### 3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

#### 3.1 The Petition

Youth Strike Action for Climate Change

We, the undersigned, support young people taking part in the recent YouthStrike4Climate and call upon Brighton and Hove City Council to officially endorse their actions.

Lead Petitioner – YouthAction4ClimateChange

Supporting Information

“On Friday 15th February, young people from across Brighton & Hove took a bold move to ask for action on climate change. And on 15th March, we're doing it again.

Climate change is one of the most serious threats that we face. Young people, who will be most affected by this issue, have little political voice - with those under 18 unable to vote, and the number of young people in politics below the floor. We believe it is their right to strike to influence change.

The YouthStrike4Climate is the most hopeful movement we have and shows young people care and are willing to act which goes against the stereotypical view of young people which has persisted for too long.

It is time for the council to come out and publicly support the strikes and to not stifle this movement by remaining silent on the issue.

Brighton & Hove City Council has [declared a climate emergency](#). But now they must commit to supporting young people and students who are demanding we take action on our climate crisis.”

#### **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 open the matter up for debate by councillors for period of 15 minutes and will first call on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the petition and move a proposed response. The Mayor will then call on those councillors who have indicated a desire to speak in the matter, before calling on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the debate;
- (iii) An amendment to the recommendation in paragraph 2.1 of the report or to add additional recommendations should be submitted by 10.00am on the day of the meeting; otherwise it will be subject to the Chair’s discretion as to being appropriate. Any such amendment will need to be formally moved and seconded at the meeting;
- (iv) After the 15 minutes set aside for the debate, 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).