

**Subject:** Petitions Referred from Council  
**Date of Meeting:** 30 November 2017  
**Report of:** Executive Lead for Strategy Governance & Law  
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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
  - calling a referendum

**3. PETITIONS**

3.1 Referred petitions:

- i) **Reduce the use of Single-use Plastics in Brighton and Hove**  
Petition from Mr. J. Arney referred from the Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017 (463 signatures).

To receive the following Petition:

*“We the undersigned request Brighton & Hove City Council to generate a report to be brought to Policy, Resources and Growth Committee on the options for bringing an end to the use of unnecessary Single Use Plastics (SUP) in Brighton and Hove.”*

ii) **Water fountains to reduce rubbish and pollution**

Petition from Mr. Charles Cross referred from the Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017 (2,600 signatures).

To receive the following Petition:

*“We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to provide research into a full costing for setting up 6 simple drinking “fountains” (taps) capable of being used to fill bottles around the town in order to attempt to reduce the excessive use of plastic in purchased water bottles and the consequent pollution and cost of rubbish disposal. Such a costing should take into account any savings from reduced rubbish as well as the construction and running costs of each fountain and could exact a small levy on supermarket rent and rates to contribute to the running costs.”*

**Note:** A minute extract of the meetings proceedings and recommendations therein are attached at Appendix 1 overleaf