Full Council 20 March 2018



Report of: Shahzia Daya, Director: Legal & Democratic Services

Title: Petition debate – "Save Fay's St Andrews Park tea garden / café"

Ward: Ashley

Recommendation

That Full Council debates the petition and refers it to the Mayor / relevant Cabinet member for a formal response.

Summary

Under the Council's petitions scheme, where a petition has 3,500 or more signatures from people who live, work or study in Bristol, the petition organiser can request a Full Council debate.

The Council has received a petition entitled "Save Fay's St Andrews Park tea garden / café"

The petition organiser has requested that Full Council debates the petition.



Details of the petition

1. The wording of the petition is as follows:

Petition title / subject: "Save Fay's St Andrews Park tea garden café"

Petition wording:

"That Bristol City Council should allow our much loved Tea Garden in St Andrews Park, which has been in place since 2006, to continue."

Additional comments / background information from petition organiser:

"All communities need a centre or focus and for St Andrews Park, this is the café, which has consistently served our community well since 2006. Due to this commitment, the local community including The Friends, councillors and church all support and back the Tea Garden as it is. It is impossible to include in the proposed tender process what the present café contributes to the park community. There is an annual Halloween party fund raising for CLIC and Fay attends Friends Of St Andrews Park meetings.

Pride is taken in good service and delivering homemade food using good quality ingredients at reasonable prices. The majority of sales are served on reusable china as opposed to single use cups. The opening hours are tailored to the wishes of the customers.

It is more than just running a café or becoming another branch of a chain and we want the Council to hear the strength of local feeling."

- **2.** The petition organiser is Simon Davis.
- **3.** The petition has secured 4360 signatures to date.
- **4.** The Full Council is asked to debate the petition.
- 5. Under the petition scheme, the petition organiser is permitted up to 5 minutes to present and speak to the petition. The petition scheme allows a further period of up to 15 minutes for discussion of the petition by councillors at the Full Council meeting.
- 6. The Full Council has agreed the following in relation to dealing with petitions with over 3500 signatures: The topic of the debate should be referred to the Mayor/Cabinet, or other relevant body with the petitioner's views and Full Council's views.

RECOMMENDATION

Following the debate, the Full Council is recommended to refer the petition to the Mayor, in order that the Mayor can consider his response, in liaison with the relevant Cabinet member.