

Full Council
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Report of: Tim O’Gara, Director - Legal & Democratic Services

Title: **Petition debate** – Marvin Rees: deliver your promise to ban glyphosate in Bristol

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 in relation to Glyphosates.

The petition organisers have requested that Full Council debates the petition.



Details of the petition

1. The wording of the petition is as follows:

Petition title / subject: Marvin Rees: deliver your promise to ban glyphosate in Bristol

Petition wording:

“We call on Marvin Rees to commit to a city-wide ban on the use of glyphosate weed killers in Bristol’s public spaces, by 2021 latest. Bristol City Council is still spraying this toxic chemical in our streets, parks and housing estates. In his election campaign, Marvin promised to make this stop – two years later, its time to deliver”

2. The petition has been organised by Emma Rose, Harriet Williams.
3. The petition has secured 3721 signatures to date from Bristol residents.
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.