

Full Council
10 September 2019



Report of: The Monitoring Officer

Title: Petition Debate – A Right to Shelter

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 day shelters for the homeless.

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: **A Right to Shelter**

Petition wording:

“We the undersigned Demand that the council recognises that there is no communal shelter in the daytime for the homeless.

That it unacceptable for people to be forced to walk the streets a minimum of fifteen hours per day without a sanctuary, access to showers and washing machines, affordable food and drink or cooking facilities, access to vital resources that could improve their situation.”

2. The petition has been organised by Darren Paul Blake.
3. The petition has secured 3634 signatures from those who qualify as living, working or studying in Bristol as of verification on 30th August 2019.
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.