

# Full Council

13 September 2016



**Report of:** Shahzia Daya – Interim Service Director – Legal & Democratic Services

**Title:** Petition debate – “Save the 51 bus”

**Ward:** Hengrove, Knowle, Whitchurch Park, and central city wards

## 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 the 51 bus.”

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: “Save the 51 bus”

Petition wording:

“We call on Bristol City Council and First Bus to urgently work to save the 51 bus service which connects the communities of Whitchurch, Hengrove, Knowle and the city centre. We demand that the withdrawal of these services from September be scrapped.”

2. The petition organisers are Councillor Tim Kent, Councillor Gary Hopkins, Councillor Harriet Clough and Councillor Chris Davies.
3. The petition had secured 4,554 signatures as at 30 August 2016.
4. The Full Council is asked to debate the petition.
5. Under the petition scheme, the petition organisers are 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 views and Full Council’s views.

**The Full Council is therefore recommended to refer the petition to the Mayor, together with the comments as expressed by members in the debate at this meeting, in order that the Mayor can consider his response, in liaison with the relevant Cabinet member(s).**