

# Chichester District Council

FULL COUNCIL

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## Petition – East Beach

### 1. Contacts

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### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Council debate the petition “‘Allow Manhood Classics to return to using East Beach Car Park in Selsey’ and make appropriate recommendations to Cabinet.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 A Petition ‘Allow Manhood Classics to return to using East Beach Car Park in Selsey’ has been received by the Council and agreed for inclusion in the agenda by the Chair.
- 3.2 As per the Council’s Petition Scheme the petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by councillors.
- 3.3 Councillors will note that on the forward plan a report is due to April Cabinet, to undertake a general review of the matters which are raised more narrowly in the petition and for Cabinet to discuss a draft policy for approval.

### 4. Outcomes to be Achieved

- 4.1 The council are asked to consider the petition at this meeting and make appropriate comments or recommendations to the Cabinet. Members should note however, that decisions relating to the letting of Council land are Executive matters and as such Council cannot make a final determination in this matter. However, the petition itself does not seek a final determination as it asks, “*We understand CDC are producing a policy for their car parks during March and April and following this we are hoping to be considered to be permitted to once again meet at East Beach Selsey.*” Should members decide to support the petition then any application to use East Beach Selsey car park would be determined in accordance with the policy once adopted. Alternatively members may choose not to support the petition, or to ask officers to commission further investigation into the matter and report relevant findings to

Cabinet.

## 5. Proposal

- 5.1 That the debate be held to inform the work by officers presenting a Policy report on this topic at the next meeting of Cabinet.

## 6. Alternatives Considered

- 6.1 The right to debate a petition is established in the Council's Constitution.

## 7. Resource and Legal Implications

- 7.1 Without the debate on the petition being heard it is not possible to assess further implications of that debate. Officers will be present to advise in this meeting.

## 8. Consultation

- 8.1 The right to petition is itself a form of consultation or public engagement.

## 9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

- 9.1 Sites in the ownership of the Council need to be properly and safely managed. Users need to be protected and policies for that safe use need to be present in order that all users are able to have a clear understanding of their rights and obligations.

## 10. Other Implications

<b>Are there any implications for the following?</b> If you tick "Yes", list your impact assessment as a background paper in paragraph 13 and explain any major risks in paragraph 9		
	Yes	No
<b>Crime and Disorder</b> This petition relates to lawful and managed use of a specific site but generally the Council is reviewing its arrangements for use of car parks for events. Until the debate is held no impact assessment as to the outcome of the debate on this (or other areas below) can be carried out and this implication is essentially theoretical at this time.	X	
<b>Biodiversity and Climate Change Mitigation</b>		X
<b>Human Rights and Equality Impact</b>		X
<b>Safeguarding and Early Help</b> Any policy for users of land will require consideration of safeguarding by those users and some level of assessment of e.g. child safety. Car Parks are locations used by the general public both in vehicles or on foot including young or otherwise vulnerable persons.	X	
<b>General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)</b>		X
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b> The Council has made a commitment to 'help our communities be healthy and active'. Any proposal arising from debate on the petition should consider this.	X	
<b>Other</b> (please specify)		X

**11. Appendices**

None

**12. Background Papers**

None