

PETITION

The County Council has received the following petition:

We the undersigned say 'don't stop our bus'. The Conservative run East Sussex County Council should not reduce subsidised bus routes across Hastings and Rother. Cutting these bus routes would have a very negative personal, economic and environmental impact on our community. We urge them to work with bus companies, local businesses and the community to find alternatives.

The petition contained 6815 signatures. As the number of signatures exceeds 5000 the Council's Petition Scheme allows for the petition to be presented to, and debated by, the Full Council. The petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition at the meeting prior to the debate. As the issue is one on which the Council's Cabinet is required to make the final decision, the Council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.

The final decision regarding the proposals in relation to subsidised bus routes is a matter for the Cabinet.

The relevant extract of the Petition Scheme is set out below

Full Council debates

If a petition has more than 5000 signatures it will be debated by the full council, unless it is a petition asking for a senior council officer to give evidence at a public meeting. This means that the issue raised in the petition will be discussed at a meeting which all councillors can attend.

The Council will try to consider the petition at its next meeting, although on some occasions this may not be possible and consideration will then take place at the following meeting. The petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes. The Council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. It may decide to take the action the petition requests, not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee. Where the issue is one on which the Council's Cabinet is required to make the final decision, the Council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision. The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of this decision.

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