

## COUNTY COUNCIL – 5 DECEMBER 2017

### Item 5 - Petition – Withdraw the Get a Grip Campaign.

At its meeting on 5 December the County Council had a Full Council debate regarding a petition that had been received regarding the 'Get a Grip Campaign' in relation to school attendance. When submitted, the petition had 10,423 signatures and as the number exceeded 5000 the Council's Petition Scheme allowed for the petition to be debated by the Full Council.

As set out in the Council's Petition Scheme, the Council must provide confirmation of the Council's decision regarding the Full Council debate in relation to the petition. The Council agreed the following motion:

*That the Council, whilst noting the petitioner's comments:*

- 1. Recognises the need for action to reduce avoidable absence from schools in East Sussex;*
- 2. Agrees that the Get A Grip campaign successfully highlighted the concerns regarding attendance; and*
- 3. Agrees that the Council continue to work with teachers and parents to improve attendance as part of the policies to improve educational attainment in all schools across the County.*