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The County Council has received the following petition:

Let's help prevent the closure of Milton Grange and Firwood house in Eastbourne

These two services are vital for rehabilitation in the Eastbourne area, not only do they make it possible for people to return home after hospitalisation and remain independent they also provide a crucial respite service. Milton grange also provides a daycentre specialising in dementia care, offering much needed respite for carers. Our local hospital will be majorly affected if these services close putting much more pressure on the NHS and also the local health and social care sector. Please please sign this petition, you never know when one of your loved ones are going to need this service.

When submitted the petition contained 9799 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. A representative of the petitioners will be given five minutes to present the petition at the meeting prior to the debate.

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.