

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

25 SEPTEMBER 2003

NOTICE OF MOTION

GENETICALLY MODIFIED (GM) PRODUCTS

Motion for Council

This Council notes the widespread public concern about the effects of the cultivation and consumption of Genetically Modified (GM) products.

In particular it notes the overwhelming rejection of GM crops at a consultation meeting organised by the Sustainability Commission, under the auspices of the Office for Information, in Brighton on 9 July.

The Council therefore:

1. Requests the Secretary of State for Agriculture to provide legal protection for the land it owns as a GM free area, under Article 19 of 2001/18/EC or under any relevant powers.
2. Agrees in principle to adopt a GM free policy which, when contracts are let or if and when they become renewable, will ensure that GM food, ingredients, derivatives are eliminated; and to inform its farm tenants of such policy.
3. Instructs officers to report to the Policy and Resources Committee on the legal, financial and practical implications of adopting and implementing such a policy before a final decision is made.



Proposed by: Councillor Joyce Edmond-Smith



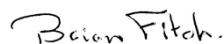
Seconded: Councillor Craig Turton



Councillor Kevin Allen



Councillor Pat Hawkes



Councillor Brian Fitch

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