

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**11 MARCH 2004**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**CITY NEWS**

This Council notes the widely held concerns among Councillors about the editorial policy and the finances of City News.

This Council recognises that City News has an important communication role to play and believes the newspaper must always remain even-handed in its coverage of Council achievements and policy initiatives.

This Council feels City News should be entirely self-financing and has the potential to generate income for the Council.

Further this Council believes that an all-party time-limited "Members Task Group" would be a useful way for Members to discuss and recommend alternative proposals around the future policy and operation of City News.

Accordingly this Council resolves:

- To require the Chief Executive to note this Council's belief that an ongoing all-party Editorial Board would be an effective way of enhancing City News and to ensure this matter is discussed at a future meeting of the Leader's Group.
- That following discussion at the Leader's Group and any subsequent reports which may follow, this Council requests that the Policy & Resources Committee consider this matter as soon as possible.

Proposer: Councillor Bill Randall

Seconder: Councillor Keith Taylor