



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

**COUNCIL
ADDENDUM**

4.30PM, THURSDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2011

COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

ADDENDUM

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48.	LOCALISM ACT 2011 – CHANGING GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS	261 - 270
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	<p>(2) That it be agreed in principle to change the governance arrangements of the Council from Leader and Cabinet to a Committee System with effect from Annual Council in May 2012;</p> <p>(3) That officers be instructed to prepare detailed proposals for a Committee System and to bring the proposals to the Governance Committee and Full Council for approval; and</p> <p>(4) That officers undertake the necessary preparation including as appropriate, briefings, training and modifications to ways of working.</p>	
49.	REVIEW OF POLICY FRAMEWORK – SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS	271 - 278
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50.	REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS	279 - 354
	Recommendation: That the amendments set out in the report and more particularly as indicated in the appendices to the report be approved and that they come into force with immediate effect.	

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority at each ordinary meeting of the Council.

Every question shall be put and answered without discussion, but the person to whom a question has been put may decline to answer. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public.

(a) Mr. Nigel Furness

“Most of us, regardless of our political persuasions, are aware of the shocking decline in numbers of our native wildlife, not least in the case of honey bees, butterflies, moths and small birds.

Would you agree that this Green Council should be setting an example to City residents of how to preserve the natural habitats of these creatures by managing its own land and buildings in an environmentally sustainable manner?”

Councillor West, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability, will reply.

(b) Mr. Rohan Lowe

“Has there been any progress on the youth service report?”

Councillor Shanks, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, will reply.

(c) Mr. Adam Campbell

“Does the council feel that it is appropriate for one city business to dominate council policy and endanger the viability of other businesses as a result?”

Councillor Davey, Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm, will reply.

(d) Ms. Rebecca Crook

“At the Culture Recreational & Tourism Cabinet Meeting on behalf of the Saltdean Lido Campaign I presented the community mandate from local people following a series of emergency meetings. ‘The Council should seek to negotiate a surrender of the whole lease and if no agreement is made by the 29 February 2012, seek to take back the lease via compulsory purchase order with legal papers served on the 1 March 2012.’ The Head of Planning Strategy implied that the Council could serve the first stage of the CPO papers now - a Warning Letter. Will you serve the Warning letter this month?”

Councillor Bowden, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism, will reply.

(e) Mr. Graeme Simpson

“In the recent report ‘Operation of Saltdean Lido’ produced by the Council it outlines the Opening of the Lido. Throughout 2010 and 2011 the Save Saltdean Lido Campaign conducted a daily log of opening hours and this year the pool opened for 43 days out of the total 94 days. Every other Lido we’ve contacted opened daily for the same period. Why when the Council were provided with regular updates informing them that the pool was closed consistently & even tourists to the area wrote to the local newspaper stating it was closed, was no action taken?”

Councillor Bowden, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism, will reply.

(f) Ms. Bridget Fishleigh

“At last week's meeting of the Culture, Recreation and Tourism meeting, Geoffrey Bowden agreed with officers' recommendation that the council should seek a negotiated way forward with the lessee of Saltdean Lido including, if satisfactory terms can be agreed, surrender of the head lease back to the council.

When will the council next be meeting Mr Audley to discuss surrender of the lease?”

Councillor Bowden, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism, will reply.

(g) Ms. Valerie Paynter

“To what extent doe the Administration recognise that pervasive, late and all-night alcohol availability, along with late and all-night clubbing are significant motivating reasons for inward migration and new residencies. Has this ever been looked at and quantified?”

Councillor Deane, Chair of the Licensing Committee, will reply.

DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting of the Council for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes following which one Member of the Council, nominated by the Mayor, may speak in response. It shall then be moved by the Mayor and voted on without discussion that the deputation be thanked for attending and its subject matter noted.

Notification of one Deputation has been received. The spokesperson is entitled to speak for 5 minutes.

(a) Deputation concerning Statement of Licensing Policy – Cumulative Impact Area

Mr. R. Gamper (Spokesperson)

THE DEPUTATION IS ON BEHALF OF THE BRUNSWICK, ADELAIDE AND (PART REGENCY) RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO STRONGLY SUPPORT THE LICENSING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ITEM 15.19 MINUTES OF 17 NOVEMBER 2011 **“that the council be recommended to approve the expansion of the Cumulative Impact Area and the Special Stress Area as shown on the map in appendix 3 to the report;”**.

“We appreciate and support Brighton and Hove's stated policy regarding the proposed Extension of the CIA/SSA. We welcome it and ask the Council to act on the Licensing Committee's resolution on the 17 November 2011.

While this will be a city-wide policy, our Associations represent the Brunswick and Adelaide area, which is predominantly residential. Our residents are living with the effects of the current policy, which is adversely affecting and compromising their quality of life

The unintended consequence of the CIA has been a proliferation of licensed premises more easily obtained in the SSA. "License Creep" is rapidly continuing westwards which is why both the SSA and the CIA need to be extended.

Following the letter sent to each Councillor, we draw the following to your attention:

LICENSED PREMISES WITHIN THE EXISTING REGENCY/BRUNSWICK SSA

This SSA area covers the area westwards along the Western Road corridor from the boundary of the central CIA at Little Preston Street and Spring Street to Holland Road. It includes streets to the south of Western Road, including Kings Road, but not to the north. Within a 10 minute walk along less than half a mile of Western Road and through an area of less than half a square mile there are 67 licenses.

1, Premises with Licenses for On and Off sales of alcohol

67 LICENSES for the sale of alcohol of which
50 are for On sales, such as restaurants, of which

19 are after midnight on weekdays
25 are after midnight on Friday and Saturday
22 are after 11pm on Sunday

40 are of Off sales, such as pubs and wine merchants, of which
17 are after midnight on weekdays
16 are after midnight on Friday and Saturday
16 are after 11pm on Sunday
3 are 24 hour on weekdays
4 are 24 hour on Friday and Saturday

23 of these are for both On and Off sales at the same premises
2, Premises for Licenses for Late Night Refreshment (food only)

31 Licenses were found to be current within the SSA, of which
20 are after midnight on weekdays
27 are after midnight on Friday and Saturday
30 are after 11pm on Sunday
25 of these also have a License for the sale of alcohol

Once the deterioration in the situation became apparent the local Residents' Associations became active in expressing residents' extreme concerns at licensing hearings, NHS consultations and recently at the Big Alcohol Debate.

The particular problems of West Street as identified in para 1.12.4 of the *Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2011* have been addressed to some extent by the CIA but residents within the SSA are concerned that now these are being transferred to the Western Road. This is born out by the police in their extension of Operation Marble to this area.

We refer you to the BHCC Licensing and Enforcement Statement on the web: "The Licensing Act places responsibility on the local authority to manage the night time economy and to minimise disorder and disruption".

We respectfully request that:

- (1) The council be recommended to approve the extension of the Cumulative Impact Area and the Special Stress Area as shown on the map in appendix 3 to the report: and
- (2) That the council be recommended to implement a 'matrix' approach to licensing decisions as shown in appendix 1 to the report."

The six members of the Deputation are:

Richard Gamper
Balint Bodroghy
Trish Gaskell Watkins
Mike Birri
David Watkins
Lynne Moore

Councillor Deane, Chair of Licensing Committee, will respond.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

The following questions listed on pages 43-46 of the agenda have been received from Councillors and will be taken as read along with the written answers listed below:

a) Councillor G Theobald

“At the Cabinet meeting in October, I requested that the proposed bid for Coalition Government funding under the Armed Forces Community Covenant be submitted as a matter of urgency. Can the Cabinet Member please let me know if this has been done and can he also confirm when the Covenant is likely to be signed?”

Reply from Councillor Duncan Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety.

“At Cabinet on 13th October we received a report with recommendations that:

- A programme of activity be developed in consultation with the local armed forces community to form the Brighton & Hove Community Covenant. This will enable publicity of existing initiatives and a formal launch of the Heroes Welcome scheme as well as the development of new plans as appropriate.
- Brighton and Hove to apply for funds to support the Community Covenant by March 2012.
- The plans for a Community Covenant and the engagement process be publicised on Remembrance Day 2011.

We publicised our plans on the council’s website on Remembrance Day and have started conversations with armed forces representatives. We aim to ensure that we meet the emerging needs from Pan-Sussex review of the health needs of veterans and are particularly hoping to develop proposals to address the issues of homelessness, substance abuse and mental health.

We are still aiming to request government funding at the March 2012 panel”

b) Councillor C Theobald

“Can the Cabinet Member please confirm that, contrary to what she stated at her CMM on 3rd November, it is the policy of her Administration that ‘van dwellers’ are not classified as Travellers for planning purposes?”

Reply from Councillor Kennedy, Cabinet Member for Planning, Employment, Economy and Regeneration.

“I can confirm that the Administration’s policy supports the current statutory definition of Travellers – which is of course a collective term used to describe different Traveller groups who have a nomadic lifestyle or tradition/heritage of nomadism.

As such, where Van Dwellers can demonstrate a nomadic lifestyle then they would fall within the Traveller Strategy and Planning Policy guidance alongside more traditional Traveller groups.

Most of the city's Van Dwellers are, however, not generally 'nomadic' and are effectively permanently resident in the city. Under these circumstances, then they would not fall within the remit of the Traveller Strategy or planning policy guidance."

c) Councillor G Theobald

"Given the substantial increases in charges that were agreed by the Cabinet Member on 29th November, and the massive cuts to road and pavement maintenance proposed in the 8th December Cabinet papers, could he please provide an estimate of the Council's parking income (both on- and off-street) for 2012/13?"

Reply from Councillor Davey, Cabinet Member for Transport and Public Realm.

"It is estimated that there will be an increase in surplus of £1.3m to subsidise environmental and transport services to both residents and visitors. In the past, this surplus has been used to help provide free transport for senior citizens, to support bus services, to pay the borrowing costs for capital projects such as the installation of cycle lanes, walking networks improvements and traffic management schemes.

Of the 1.3m, 48k is from off street parking, 844k from on street and the remainder from permits.

We have factored a reduction in demand for parking spaces as we expect residents and visitors to move to more sustainable forms of transport such as trains, buses, cycling and walking. This we know is already happening as recent surveys have shown increases in public transport use and cycling. There has been a steady rise in bus passengers journeys from 30 million to 41 million between 2001 and 2010, and 27% more cycling trips between 2006 and 2009. By comparison, the average number of car trips entering and leaving the city every day has reduced by 12,000 between 2007 and 2009."

d) Councillor A Norman

"Can the Cabinet Member for Finance and Central Services please tell me the value of the contract that the Council has with the Democratic Society of Brighton & Hove to run Budget consultation and other events across the City, when this contract was awarded and by whom?"

Reply from Councillor J Kitcat, Cabinet Member for Finance and Central Services

“Brighton & Hove City Council commissioned the Democratic Society to deliver three budget participation events, to take place over three days in November 2011, as part of our budget consultation work. The events ran alongside an online consultation using a budget simulation website provided by Delib at <http://www.budgetsimulator.com> . The offline exercise was structured in broadly the same way, and used the same spending data and division of services. The findings from this work will be included in the budget consultation information provided to support the authority’s budget setting processes. The value of the contract with the Democratic Society for this work was £8000 plus VAT. The contract was agreed by the Chief Executive and arrangements were finalised in the week commencing 6th October.”

e) Councillor Barnett

“Is the Council taking any practical steps to help hospices, for example the Martlets that are currently suffering serious funding shortfalls due to a reduction in donations and bequests from the public?”

Reply from Councillor Jarrett, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health.

“I recognise that the Martlets and other hospices play an important role in supporting people at the end of their lives – and also their families. The Martlets depends to a large degree on charitable contributions to keep going. While it does have a huge amount of support in the city, it is currently finding fund-raising more difficult like other charities.

Hospices receive funding from a range of public sources, including GP Consortia and the PCT. The GP consortia funds via a grant, a proportion of the in patient bed facility and commissions the hospice at home service. In addition, NHS Continuing Care team commissions two beds specifically for continuing care patients.

The council will continue to support the Martlets and other causes in the city in other ways such as encouraging staff to participate in fundraising. Officers are speaking with the Martlets about other opportunities. I welcome suggestions.”

f) Councillor Peltzer Dunn

“Will the Cabinet Member please confirm that swift action is being taken to regain possession of Ainsworth House from the squatters who have taken over the building and will she advise me when the previous Administration’s scheme to build 15 new council homes on this site will commence?”

Reply from Councillor Wakefield, Cabinet Member for Housing.

“Notice was served for possession of the site on 1 December. At the same time our legal team applied to the Court for an urgent hearing date.

We have yet to hear from the court with a date but when the hearing does take place the date for possession will be set by the court and Housing Delivery will arrange for Bailiffs to attend for the eviction. The site will be fully secured by Housing Delivery as soon as the squatters are removed.

The contract for Ainsworth House new build is currently on track for award before Christmas. We anticipate that works on the new Council homes will formally commence in the New Year.”

g) Councillor Marsh

“Youth unemployment has increased by 79% across the city, since January this year. Does a) the administration share my concern with this shocking increase and b) what action will be taken to get Brighton & Hove’s young people out of the job centre and into work?”

Reply from Councillor Shanks, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

“This is a worrying trend that is reflected across the country. Recent figures show that this month nationally youth unemployment reached 1.027m – the highest level since records began in 1992.

The administration is also deeply disappointed to see the removal or reduction programmes that supported opportunities for young people in the city, including the Education Maintenance Allowance, Future Jobs Fund and higher education funding.

The council has direct responsibility for supporting young people aged 16 – 18 into employment, education or training. Job Centre Plus works with those who are 19 and over. We also support young people with Special Educational Needs / Learning Difficulties and Disabilities up to the age of 24. We do not work with or hold information on the majority of young people over 19.

The increase in youth unemployment quoted in a recent report refers to 16 – 24 year olds. The percentage of 16-18 year olds who are not in education employment or training for January 2011 was 8.3% (519 young people). The average for June to August 2011 was 7.9% (559), below the figure for the same period last year. This compares with 7.0% for England as a whole and regionally with 8.6% for Portsmouth and 20.3% for Reading.

Since April 2011, Brighton and Hove has a Youth Employability Service working with 16-18 year olds who are not in education employment or training. The council also runs a number of successful apprenticeship schemes and is closely linked to the City Employment and Skills Plan and Apprenticeship Strategy. There a

number of positions available to young people in Brighton & Hove (50 vacancies as at 6/12/11).

We are working closely with providers and young people to look at the range of pre-apprenticeship provision available for those young people who are not quite ready to access a full apprenticeship programme.

Youth unemployment is being taken very seriously and it has been identified as one of priorities in the new City Employment & Skills Plan (CESP). Priority three of the new CESP action plan aims to ensure that local residents are equipped to compete for jobs in the city's labour market.

The CESSG is also looking to tackle the shortage of graduate level jobs by creating a City Prospectus and holding a City Expo to showcase existing businesses in key sectors, attract inward investment and brand the city as a place in which to do business.

Also, in Brighton & Hove City Council we have been preparing for the new Raising the Participation Age (RPA) targets since 2008 and we have developed City Curriculum 2015 (CC15) in response to this. “

h) Councillor Marsh

“Can the Cabinet Member reaffirm her party's manifesto promise to do all she can to protect local Sure Start centre's and other nurseries from cuts?”

Reply from Councillor Shanks, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

“There has been a significant reduction in specific grant funding from central government available for children's services and we have to work within these restraints. As pledged, Bright Start Nursery has been protected. We propose to continue to provide all of the Children's Centre nurseries while ensuring value for money through co-locating services where possible.

We plan to consult on the future strategy for children's centres across the city which we hope will ensure that we continue to deliver services to our most disadvantaged children and families.”

i) Councillor Marsh

“Regarding the administration's manifesto commitment to help groups of schools develop in-house environmental officers, you said that you stood by this commitment and that you were “pushing against an open door.” Could you tell me whether you have managed to open that “door” yet and provide me with an update?”

Reply from Councillor Shanks, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

“With effect from 1 November 2011 the council contracted with a not for profit company called Resource Futures who will work with local charity, the Sussex Wildlife Trust to provide Environmental Education Support to the city’s schools over the next three years. One part of the wide ranging tender required that bidders ‘Help groups of schools to develop in-house environmental officer posts to save money and reduce the city’s carbon footprint.’

Resource Futures proposes to support schools in achieving this, to offer guidance on sources of funding and to provide three Teacher Training Twilight Sessions each year. A steering group of school and council representatives is working with the contractors to identify suitable areas of focus for these sessions. The contract also requires that the contractors support schools in their efforts to gain Eco-Schools awards and a further three inset sessions per year will offer advice and support to staff in this area.”

j) Councillor Mitchell

“The administration said they would be bringing forward proposals for Gypsy and Travellers site(s) between November and December. Could they tell me what has happened to this pledge?”

Reply from Councillor West, Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability.

“Members will be aware that the selection of a permanent gypsy and traveller site is a very complex issue. I am pleased to say that officers have made considerable progress and have assessed all possible sites that we are aware of. The process cannot be totally complete at this time as some of the potential sites lie within the National Park and we are not able to confirm a site until we have obtained planning permission. This is because ultimately the decision could lie with the National Park as the relevant planning authority.

What I can say is that using the methodology agreed with the national park an expansion of the Horsdean Transit site on Braypool Lane to accommodate a permanent site came out of the assessment process as clearly the strongest site and is likely to go forward to Cabinet for selection as the council’s preferred site. The Horsdean site is made up of former playing fields that were cut off by the A27 and so are flat, have good access and sit within a natural bowl. The transit site presently uses around half of the site.

Before any formal decision the council has to undertake further work to assess what landscaping measures could be used to lessen the impact and to also examine archaeology and biodiversity issues.

The methodology agreed with the National Park dictates that we also do further assessment on sites at Waterhall Farm and Hangleton Bottom. For various reasons both are less suitable than Horsdean. However, we do need to also look

at the landscape, archaeology and biodiversity issues on these sites as well to support the planning application for Horsdean. We will be undertaking consultation with residents and travellers about the preferred site.”

k) Councillor Carden

“Would Councillor West kindly tell me how he intends to clear the gutters and pavements of weeds and grass in North Portslade now that 5 members of staff are being laid off by Cityclean as well as clear the fly tipping that is continually going on?”

Reply from Councillor West, Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability.

“No employees of Cityclean are being laid off. The council employs around 280 staff who will continue to collect recycling, refuse and clean the streets.

The council, like many others, is facing a very tough financial time. Over 4 years there will be a cut in council public spending of 33% and this does mean that we have had to consider the budgets for all areas of council spend including street sweeping. I have been very determined to avoid redundancies and there will be none from our proposals. It does mean we will not be employing to vacancies and it does mean reducing the levels of agency provision. These are not easy decisions but faced with reducing funds from government we are having to make very difficult choices.”

l) Councillor Hamilton

“Your Administration has decided that no council employee will earn less than £7.19 an hour. When contracts with private sector agencies who provide services such as adult social care and school meals are renewed will you be insisting that staff working for agencies providing council services will likewise be paid at least £7.19 an hour?”

Reply from Councillor Randall, Leader of the Council.

“The move to £7.19 an hour was part of the Administration’s commitment to reducing inequality by reducing the pay differentials within the authority and its work around developing a Living Wage for Brighton & Hove. To support this work further, in October 2011, a Living Wage Commission for the city was established. Through this commission the public sector (including a cross-party group of councillors), private and voluntary sector representatives and trade unions in Brighton & Hove are working together to consider the benefits and challenges of establishing a living wage for the city. The Commission is chaired by Julia Chanteray, who is also chair of the city’s Chamber of Commerce. Full details of the commission are available here:

<http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/index.cfm?request=b1162204>

The commission is due to meet on a number of occasions between October 2011 and March 2012 and will look at

What hourly rate would represent a living wage for the city

Whether agreement can be reached across the city on the benefits of introducing a living wage

How a living wage could affect employers

As part of this work the Commission will look at procurement issues in relation to a potential Living wage, including considerations that need to be given to contractors and agency staff. The findings of the Commission will be presented at the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership and Cabinet in March 2012.”

ORAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

A period of not more than 30 minutes is set aside for oral questions from Members, at the expiry of which, the Mayor will call a halt and proceed to the next item of business of the agenda. Any Member whose question then remains outstanding will be contacted to determine whether they wish to have a written answer provided or for their question to be carried over to the next meeting.

The following Members have indicated that they wish to put questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members, Chairmen of Committees or Members of the Council that have been appointed to an outside body. The Councillor asking the question may then ask one relevant supplementary question which shall be put and answered without discussion:

- (a) **Councillor G. Theobald**
Subject matter – Travellers.

Reply from Councillor West, Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport.

- (b) **Councillor Mitchell**
Subject matter – School Places.

Reply from Councillor Shanks, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People.

- (c) **Councillor Wealls**
Subject matter – Parking Charges.

Reply from Councillor Davey, Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm.

- (d) **Councillor Marsh**
Subject matter – Youth Service Provision in the City

Reply from Councillor Shanks, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People.

- (e) **Councillor A. Norman**
Subject matter – Council Budget

Reply from Councillor J. Kitcat, Cabinet Member for Finance & Central Services.

- (f) **Councillor Morgan**
Subject matter – Falmer Retained Land.

Reply from Councillor Randall, Leader of the Council

- (g) **Councillor Cobb**
Subject matter – Anti-Social Behaviour.

Reply from Councillor Wakefield, Cabinet Member for Housing.

- (h) **Councillor Barnett**
Subject matter – Council House Improvements.

Reply from Councillor Wakefield, Cabinet Member for Housing.

- (i) **Councillor Hyde**
Subject matter – Union Funding.

Reply from Councillor J. Kitcat, Cabinet Member for Finance & Central Services.

- (j) **Councillor Simson**
Subject matter – Young People’s Activities.

Reply from Councillor Shanks, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People.

- (k) **Councillor Mears**
Subject matter – Council Housing Allocations Consultation.

Reply from Councillor Wakefield, Cabinet Member for Housing.

- (l) **Councillor Peltzer Dunn**
Subject matter – Protest Camp.

Reply from Councillor Duncan, Cabinet Member for Communities, Equalities & Public Protection.

- ~~(m) **Councillor Janio**
Subject matter – Economic Development.~~

Withdrawn

~~**Reply from Councillor Randall, Leader of the Council**~~

(n) **Councillor Turton**
Subject matter – Parking Charges.

Reply from Councillor Davey, Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm

NOTICE OF MOTION**GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT****CITY IN BLOOM BRIGHTON & HOVE**

Delete paragraphs 4 and 5 and insert new paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 7 as shown in bold italics.

Insert wording as shown in bold italics and delete the wording in paragraphs 2 and 4 as struck through.

“This Council believes that a visually attractive and well looked after Brighton & Hove not only benefits the local economy by increasing visitor numbers, but also helps to make the city’s residents feel proud of where they live.

This Council recognises the priority that ***has been given*** the previous Administration gave to maintaining and improving the city’s parks, gardens and general street scene through measures such as planting additional flowerbeds, decorating vacant shop fronts, cracking down on graffiti and removing estate agents boards from central Conservation Areas. Furthermore, this Council agrees that this level of investment in the city’s appearance will be more important than ever in 2012, when the city will host the Olympic Torch and the Queen will celebrate her Diamond Jubilee.

This Council also recognises that the council faces above average reductions in its central government grant, amounting to a third over four years. This will inevitably affect the services the organisation is able to provide. The Council welcomes work done to find genuine savings and reorganisation that is being undertaken across the organisation especially in order to protect services for the most vulnerable people in the city.

Our highly popular parks and open spaces are of vital importance to the health and well being of residents; to ensuring we have an attractive visitor environment; and in the support they give to wildlife and environmental sustainability.

Therefore this council welcomes and supports the administration’s determination to maintain the vast majority of council expenditure on parks, open spaces, trees and countryside.

This council recognises the important contribution City in Bloom and in-bloom groups play in bringing ~~Therefore, this Council notes with grave concern the decision by the current Administration to review its funding for the City in Bloom project. City in Bloom, which has enjoyed the support of the previous two Administrations, brings together volunteers, community gardeners and businesses from across Brighton & Hove, with one aim – to make the city a more attractive place in which to live, work and visit.~~

This council therefore supports moves by the administration and in- bloom groups that are already positively engaged in exploring ways to deliver a financially independent and therefore long-term stable future for City in Bloom.

~~This Council agrees that the £30,000 spent funding City in Bloom is far outweighed by the economic benefit it brings to the city and the civic pride that it engenders amongst local communities. Furthermore, the knock-on effects of withdrawing the funding could include cancellation of the city's hanging baskets contract and turfing over of flower beds in the city's parks and gardens.~~

~~Therefore, this Council urges the Cabinet to rule out any cuts to City in Bloom when putting forward its budget proposals for 2012/13."~~

Proposed by: Cllr. Pete West

Seconded by: Cllr. Ben Duncan

Supported by: Cllrs Bowden, Buckley, Davey, Deane, Follett, Hawtree, Kennedy, Jarrett, Jones, J Kitcat, A Kitcat, Littman, MacCafferty, Phillips, Powell, Randall, Rufus, Shanks, Summers, Sykes and Wakefield,.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

LABOUR & CO-OPERATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

INTELLIGENT COMMISSIONING AND THE COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SECTOR

Insert “local” before all references to “CVS” and amend request 1. as indicated in bold italics.

“This Council recognises and values the hugely positive impact of Brighton & Hove’s thriving **local** community and voluntary sector (CVS). It is estimated that the **local** CVS contributes £96 million to the local economy each year with approximately 19,200 volunteer positions, giving 57,600 per week of volunteer hours.

Furthermore, this Council strongly supports the principles of the Intelligent Commissioning process in the provision of public services in the city, as outlined in the Cabinet report of April 2010. In particular:

- It should result in the best people, delivering the best outcomes at the best value for the taxpayer,
- That there should be a genuinely level playing field between the Council and the **local** CVS (including social enterprise, co-ops and mutuals),
- That service provision should be embedded within the local community.

This Council warmly welcomes the contribution that the **local** CVS has made to the development of the Intelligent Commissioning process to date and embraces the enhanced opportunities that it brings for the sector.

However, this Council notes with concern that the Intelligent Commissioning process appears to have lost much of its initial impetus in recent months and acknowledges real concerns from the **local** CVS that services will not be commissioned on a genuinely level playing field.

Therefore, this Council requests that Cabinet:

1. Renews its commitment to **further developing** the Intelligent Commissioning process as a **potential** means of delivering higher quality and better value services to the residents of Brighton & Hove; and
2. Takes the principles outlined in this notice of motion fully into account in any future commissioning decisions.

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