



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# **COUNCIL ADDENDUM**

**4.30PM, THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2018**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**



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- (3) **HRA Housing Cap.** Amendment proposed by Councillor Gibson on behalf of the Green Group (copy attached).
- (4) **Failure to Progress the King Alfred Project.** Amendment proposed by Councillor Gibson on behalf of the Green Group (copy to be circulated separately).
- (4) **Failure to Progress the King Alfred Project.** Amendment proposed by Councillor Yates on behalf of the Labour & Co-operative Group (copy attached).

**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.

**1. QUESTION From: Valerie Paynter**

I am informed by Streamline Taxis that this Council refuses to allow hydraulic lifts on Wheelchair Access Vehicles used by the taxi trade. Can you explain why not please?

**Councillor O'Quinn, Chair of the Licensing Committee will reply.**

**2. QUESTION From: Christopher Hawtree**

Would Councillor Daniel please tell us whether the proposed nursery at Hove's Carnegie Library has opened?

**Councillor Daniel, Chair of the Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities & Equalities Committee will reply.**

**3. QUESTION From: Nigel Furness**

Now that the replacement of the Aquarium Roundabout with yet more traffic lights at a T junction has been approved by your Committee, Cllr. Mitchell, would you care to enlighten us as to the ramifications this poses for events such as the Old Crocks Rally and the Speed Trials, amongst others, in Madeira Drive?

**Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.**

**4. QUESTION From: Carl Taylor**

In reference to your statement at the previous full council meeting on free speech and hate speech, could you clarify for the public what your definitions of free speech and hate speech are?

**Councillor Yates, Leader of the Council will reply.**

**5. QUESTION From: Hannah Clare**

Will the Administration assure the residents of the city of their commitment to equality and continuing the recommendations of the fairness commission?

**Councillor Daniel, Chair of the Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities & Equalities Committee will reply.**

**6. QUESTION From: Steve Parry**

At the last meeting of the Full Council Councillor Marsh responded fluently, comprehensively, and positively to the deputation on Transparency, Accountability & Community Involvement. Unfortunately the draft minutes of the meeting do not reflect what was said by either the deputation or Councillor Marsh as can be confirmed by viewing the webcast of 18 October. Could this be explained or clarified together with the reasons for item 53 on the agenda which both pre-empts and contradicts the commitments made by Councillor Marsh on 18 October?

**Councillor Marsh, Chair of the Constitution Working Group will reply.**

**7. QUESTION From: Vic Borrill**

This week the Food Research Collaboration at the Centre of Food Policy the UK's experts on food policy wrote to all Local Authorities recommending that they should prepare Food Brexit Plans and provided guidance on why and what this should cover and who should be involved. Is Brighton & Hove City Council preparing such a plan?

<https://mailchi.mp/cb2b87a83caa/localauthorities?e=44caed2b36>

**Councillor Barford, Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board will reply.**

**8. QUESTION From: Cathy Biggs**

Over one hundred responses were submitted in the consultation exercise on modernising the beach hut licence. These responses rejected as unreasonable the substantive changes proposed. In light of this what plans are now under consideration, apart from making no changes at all, in relation to the licence terms and conditions?

**Councillor Platts, Deputy Chair of the Tourism, Development & Culture Committee will reply.**

**GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**

**ACCESS TO THE CITY'S BEACHES – PETITION FOR DEBATE**

To insert an additional recommendation 2.2 as shown in ***bold italics***;

2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the Tourism, Development & Culture Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019, and

**2.2 That the Committee be requested to call for a *costed report outlining options for accessibility to Brighton and Hove beach front, recommending options that best meet the needs of those less mobile and in need of assistance.***

Proposed by: Cllr Knight

Seconded by: Cllr Phillips

Recommendation if carried to read:

2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the Tourism, Development & Culture Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019, and

2.2 That the Committee be requested to call for a *costed report outlining options for accessibility to Brighton and Hove beach front, recommending options that best meet the needs of those less mobile and in need of assistance.*





**WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The following questions have been received from Councillors and will be taken as read along with the written answer which will be included in an addendum that will be circulated at the meeting:

**(1) Councillor: Page**

What is the relative availability of studios/ one-bedroom council flats to bigger homes in the last period, when numbers in the highest category of housing need on the waiting list are factored in?

**Reply from Councillor Meadows, Chair of the Housing & New Homes Committee**

The lets for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 12 December are as follows

Studios	60 of which	31 sheltered
One bed	376 of which	94 sheltered
Two bedrooms	235	
Three bedrooms	94	
Four Bedrooms	10	
Five Bedrooms	2	

Demand profile on the register

	Total by bed size	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D
One bed/Studio	5144	311	299	2936	1589
Two Bed	3145	99	202	1852	992
Three Bed	1345	50	126	819	306
Four Bed	165	12	28	108	17
Five Bed	116	0	18	59	39
Six Bed	33	1	7	18	5

For information since 1 January 2017 we have removed 18,880 cases from the live, pending and suspended list

The current live list is now 9,904

**(2) Councillor Mears**

Rough sleeping figures in Brighton and Hove have increased by over 400% from 41 in 2014 since coming into Administration to 178 in 2017. At the Housing & New Homes Committee meeting on the 14th November, item 40. Appendix 1 listed 16 support services in Brighton & Hove, not including St Mungo's. What

work has this administration undertaken with all the groups to evaluate outcomes supporting the most vulnerable in the city, and on this basis I wonder how the Chair of Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities & Equalities Committee feels her Party's 'rough sleeper strategy' can possibly succeed in eradicating rough sleeping by 2020?

**Reply from Councillor Moonan, Lead Member for Rough Sleeping.**

The Item 40 report at the Housing and New homes Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> November referred to was in relation to clients housed in temporary and emergency accommodation and Appendix 1 detailed support services available to support those individuals placed in this accommodation. St Mungo's is a street outreach service and works with those sleeping rough, which is why it was not included in the list. Proposals are currently being developed for a service to support those placed in temporary and emergency accommodation and this will be presented to Housing and New Homes Committee in January.

The annual count required by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to find out how many people are rough sleeping around the country has now taken place. The count revealed a significant drop in the number of people rough sleeping in the city this November. The official figure for Brighton & Hove, verified by independent organisation Homeless Link, is 64 people. This has confirmed our own local knowledge gained over the last year. Since then the 30 bed Winter Night Shelter has opened.

However, what is missing from this question is any acknowledgement that since 2014 there have been 4 more years of Conservative austerity policies, including 4 more years of local government cuts, 4 more years of almost no useful national action to tackle the housing crisis, and 4 more years of failing welfare changes, most lately Universal Credit. As a result, we are continuing to see a high flow of vulnerable people onto the streets who desperately need our help.

Only with a Labour government are we likely to see the kind of policies that will really help eradicate rough sleeping. But in the meantime we will not give up on ending the need for anyone to sleep rough in our city by 2020, and we are pleased that the strong collaborative working that has come from the Rough Sleeper Strategy means that together locally we are making a difference and seeing numbers out on the street overnight reducing.

**(3) Councillor Barnett**

I would like to highlight the important work undertaken by the previous Adult Care & Health Committee to forge cross party agreement for the benefit of residents during its time of operation until 2014. Now, with the imminent Green Paper on social care for adults which is due to detail proposals regarding integration with health and other services, carers, workforce and technological developments, among others, could Councillor Barford as the Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board confirm that any discussion on this important issue will be cross-party, and if she would agree to forming a working group or, the preferred choice for the Conservative group, reinstate the Adult Care & Health Committee to study the proposals?

## **Reply from Councillor Barford, Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board**

Since 2015 the decisions previously taken by the Adult Care & Health Committee have been subsumed into the operation of the Health & Wellbeing Board. This Board has covered much of the agenda the previous committee undertook as well as providing a broader focus on health and wellbeing, engaging with formal representation from the Clinical Commissioning Group, Healthwatch and a number of other key stakeholders.

As the council is aware we are in the process of reviewing the membership and governance of our Health & Wellbeing Board with a further paper due at the next meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2019.

You will recall that the Health & Wellbeing Board established a cross party working group that has been regularly meeting for over a year. At these meetings, we discuss the challenges and opportunities of closer integration and partnership working between health and social care to ensure all parties are informed of developments, and also provide insight to help officers in early stages prior to decisions being made at the appropriate committee. The existing Cross Party Group, which next meets on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, is the place that future discussion on appropriate governance arrangements can be brought for discussion prior to being presented to the appropriate committee for decision.

We still await the content of the Green Paper which was expected in the spring of this year but has still not been published. I remain hopeful that it will identify a sustainable solution for adult social care that fully meets the needs of local people, addressing the financial and delivery challenges that local authorities are facing across the country. Should this be the case we will look to identify an appropriate meeting forum under the Health & Wellbeing Board to explore how best this can be implemented locally. It is too early to determine but this could be through establishing a Policy Panel similar to that which has recently been meeting to oversee preparation of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy. The specific benefit of this approach would be the opportunity to include a broad range of stakeholders.

### **(4) Councillor Page**

What is the annualised cost of the Hackney Carriage (aka taxi) unmet need/demand survey?

Please also express this as a percentage of the taxi - not Private Hire Vehicle ("minicab") - licensing and enforcement budget.

### **Reply from Councillor O'Quinn, Chair of the Licensing Committee**

The Council spent £17520 on the unmet demand survey, this amounts to £5840 per annum over the three year period between surveys. In total this equates to between 5-6% of the Hackney Carriage taxi licensing budget.

**(5) Councillor Mac Cafferty**

Since 2015 per year how many fixed penalty notices for dog fouling, fly-tipping, flyposting, disposing of commercial waste illegally and littering respectively have been issued in Brunswick and Adelaide?

**Reply from Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee**

FPNs issued	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Dog fouling	0	0	0	0
Fly-tipping	0	1	4	3
Fly-posting	0	0	0	0
Disposing of commercial waste illegally	0	0	29	16
Littering	27	309	423	307

Please note, the 3GS contract started in February 2106.

**(6) Councillor Mac Cafferty**

Since 2015 per year how many offenders have refused to pay any fine in Brunswick and Adelaide? How many have faced a penalty?

**Reply from Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee**

FPNs unpaid	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Dog fouling	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fly-tipping	N/A	1	1	1
Fly-posting	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disposing of commercial waste illegally	N/A	N/A	12	2
Littering	9	67	75	77

Technically, all have faced a penalty as they have been issued with a FPN. Currently it is for the enforcement contractor to decide whether to pursue an unpaid fine to court. By bringing the process in-house the council will have complete control over the end to end process, so unpaid fines will be taken to prosecution where it is in the public interest.

**(7) Councillor Mac Cafferty**

How many blocked gully grating incidents have been reported in Brunswick and Adelaide since 2015? How many of these have been down to leaf-fall?

**Reply from Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee**

As Members will appreciate roads and streets straddle different Wards and records are not kept on a Ward by Ward basis. Leaf fall is however a particular issue within the City given the large number of trees that line our streets and that it is difficult to quickly sweep streets that are routinely heavily parked. This year has seen particular difficulties as the street trees did not shed their canopies until relatively late in the season, which then coincided with the heavy rainfall that frequently occurs in late autumn. Members will also appreciate that the City sewers within the urban areas are combined, that is they carry both foul and surface water, and that there are limitations to their capacity especially during heavy rainfall. The sewer capacity is a factor in that no matter how effectively Highway gullies are maintained those gullies feed into a finite drainage system which is overloaded in storm events, events that are becoming more frequent.

More generally, Members may recollect that in 2016 officers presented a study on the Council's Highway drainage infrastructure and recommended a risk-based approach to the maintenance regime to match the allocated levels of funding. The subsequently agreed maintenance regime provides for a continual programme of gully cleansing on either a 12 month cycle for exceptionally problematic locations or an 18 month cycle for all other locations.

**(8) Councillor Gibson**

Can you confirm that in November 2018 the administration decided to undertake a rough sleeper count rather than the more usual estimate? And please can provide details of how much greater in average percentage terms rough sleeper estimates have been than rough sleeper counts in Brighton and Hove averaged for all the years when both measures were undertaken?

**Reply from Councillor Moonan, Lead Member for Rough Sleeping.**

There are two methods for completing the annual count and both are subject to independent verification. The count method has been reintroduced in Brighton & Hove following discussions with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) about how other areas conduct their counts.

The count methodology covered the whole city, and followed MHCLG guidance. This count process was independently verified by Homeless Link (the organisation commissioned by the government to oversee correct practice), and found 64 rough sleepers. The alternative method to a count is an estimate comprised of data from local partners and collated to provide an agreed figure for one night in November.

To give a better understanding of the ongoing situation, the council's outreach service St Mungo's have also started carrying out other street counts. These regular counts cover most of the city, only excluding the far outlying areas where very few people choose to bed down. The most recent figure from this count recorded 78 people rough sleeping in September.

We also have a central system of recording and sharing information (b-think) with partner agencies, and these figures are again consistent with the numbers we have seen from the recent count.

The number of people facing rough sleeping and their circumstances are changing; the services being provided are being developed in response. We also have a greater level of monitoring information than previously, and are confident that we have an accurate picture of the current level of need.

**(9) Councillor Gibson**

Please can you provide figures for the HMO licences achieved by the end of the first 5 year (April 2018) licence period of HMO licensing for the 5 Lewes road wards, providing details of:

- i) How many full licences were issued?
- ii) How many conditional licences were issued?
- iii) A breakdown of the conditions for improvement of the properties by category of improvement; for example for fire safety, fuel efficiency, and poor conditions giving the numbers of properties requiring improvement for each category
- iv) A breakdown for the above categories giving the numbers of conditions that have been satisfied and the number that are outstanding.

**Reply from Councillor Meadows – Chair of the Housing & New Homes Committee**

The Lewes Road Additional Licensing Scheme which began 5 November 2012 and ended 4 November 2017:

- Applications were received for a total of 1,998 separate properties
- Full Licences were issued for a total of 1,981 separate properties
- Difference – 17, due to applications not fully made or made too late in the scheme to enable full licences to be issued

**Conditions**

We have highlighted some of the most frequently applied conditions that are applied to all licence applications received. We cannot provide a breakdown of how many properties complied with each condition 'by condition' without further analysis, but we can report where all conditions are compiled with. As highlighted in the committee report 90% of all special conditions were met.

No. of licences applications with the following conditions applied:

Structural Fire Works	1,725
Fire Alarms	1,832
Other fire works	1,669
All three of the above fire conditions	2,185
Management Repairs	1,598
Loft insulation	1,140
Ventilation	1,028

**(10) Councillor Gibson**

As on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018, please can you provide the total number of households in temporary accommodation broken down numerically between different categories of Private Sector Leased accommodation, Bed and breakfast, directly with a PRS landlord, LA and RSL TA stock, and other TA as is set out in the Housing Statistical bulletin Annual review?

**Reply from Councillor Meadows – Chair of the Housing & New Homes Committee**

From the statistics we submit to Government which are a snapshot at that time, the figures for statutory homeless in temporary accommodation are as follows:

- Private sector leased: 870 households
- Bed & Breakfast type accommodation ( shared facilities ): 52 households
- Other short term emergency accommodation: 259 households
- Directly with a private sector landlord ( Seaside Homes): 441 households
- Council owned TA: 10 households
- RSL TA stock: 32
- **Total** **1664**

We cannot pull out historic figures for all households in temporary accommodation, (i.e. including those placed under a Care Act duty or Children’s Act duty) as the records are not kept in that way. We can only report on the amount currently.





**Council**

13 December 2018

**Agenda Item 47**

Brighton &amp; Hove City Council

**Subject:** Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2019  
Extract from the proceedings of the Policy Resources & Growth Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 13 December 2018

**Report of:** Executive Director Finance & Resources

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**Wards Affected:** All

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE*****Action Required of the Full Council:***

To receive the item referred from the Policy Resources & Growth Committee for consideration:

**Recommendation:**

- (1) That the Council approves the making of a revised Council Tax Reduction Scheme incorporating the changes at paragraphs 3.8 to 3.14 of the report.
- (2) That the Executive Director of Finance & Resources be authorised to amend the Council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Persons who are not pensioners) (Brighton & Hove City Council) 2013 to reflect the changes at 3.8 to 3.14 below, and to take all steps necessary and incidental to the introduction of the revised scheme.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**POLICY RESOURCES & GROWTH COMMITTEE**

**4.00pm 6 DECEMBER 2018**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Yates (Chair), Hamilton (Deputy Chair), Janio (Opposition Spokesperson), Mac Cafferty (Group Spokesperson), Bell, Meadow, Mitchell, Peltzer Dunn, Sykes and Wealls

**80 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION 2019**

- 80.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director Finance & Resources regarding the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2019.
- 80.2 Councillor Sykes noted that the report would also be considered at Full Council on 13 December 2018, and asked for confirmation that it would be possible to debate the report and bring an amendment to that meeting. The Revenues and Benefits Manager said that a general discussion could be had on the issues which were part of the consultation, but any amendment could only be on what had actually been consulted on. The Chair added that there had been discussion with Group Leaders on what technical parts of the scheme should be consulted on and so there was a restriction on what could be amended, if not it would be necessary to undertake the consultation again. The Executive Director Finance & Resources said that there were technical implementation issues with the software the Council used, and if there were radical changes it would be difficult to implement them before the Council Tax bills were due to be despatched.
- 80.3 Councillor Janio said the reason the Council Tax Reduction Scheme was being reviewed was that Universal Credit (UC) was being introduced, and asked if officers could bring a report on how the impact of UC could be softened for new claimants. The Revenues and Benefits Manager said that within the bounds of the consultation that may be possible, but officers would need more information about what that could entail. He said that only around 15-18% of changes to council tax would be affected by the proposals. The Executive Director Finance & Resources said that there wasn't much time before the meeting of Full Council, and suggested that officers could put together a briefing for Leaders that would set out the parameters of changes which could be achievable in the technical sense, and the number of people who would be affected by the changes and what that impact may be. Councillor Janio agreed that that would be useful.

**80.4 RESOLVED:** That the Committee

- (i) Noted that the council undertook formal consultation as a part of this review and that as part of the formal consultation a draft scheme was published which contained possible changes.
- (ii) Noted the outcome of that consultation (Appendix 3) which has been summarised in paragraphs 5.1-5.4.
- (iii) Considered the proposed changes set out in paragraphs 3.8 – 3.14.
- (iv) Noted that an Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) (Appendix 2) had been undertaken based on the proposed. The Committee should further note that, to meet their Public Sector Equality Duty, it must give conscientious consideration to the findings of this assessment when making a decision set out at paragraph 2.3. The actions which will be undertaken as a result of this EIA are set out in paragraphs 7.9-7.11.
- (v) Approved £150,000 funding for the discretionary fund in 2019/20; this would require additional one-off funding of £140,000.
- (vi) Noted that the Executive Director of Finance & Resources will, prior to 1st April 2019, exercise delegated powers to increase the appropriate calculative elements of the scheme to give effect to national changes.

**80.5 RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- (i) That the council approves the making of a revised Council Tax Reduction Scheme incorporating the changes at paragraphs 3.8 to 3.14 of the report.
- (ii) That the Executive Director of Finance & Resources be authorised to amend the Council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Persons who are not Pensioners) (Brighton & Hove City Council) 2013 to reflect the changes at 3.8 to 3.14 below, and to take all steps necessary and incidental to the introduction of the revised scheme.



**GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT****COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME**

To insert a new recommendation 3 and amend the wording to recommendations 1 and 2 as detailed in the extract from the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee meeting listed in the addendum papers and shown below in ***bold italics***;

1. That the council approves the making of a revised Council Tax Reduction Scheme incorporating the changes at paragraphs 3.8 to 3.14 of the report, ***subject to the changes in new recommendation 3 below.***
2. That the Executive Director of Finance & Resources be authorised to amend the council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Persons who are not Pensioners) (Brighton & Hove City Council) 2013 to reflect the changes at 3.8 to 3.14 in the report, and to take all steps necessary and incidental to the introduction of the revised scheme, ***subject to the changes in new recommendation 3 below.***
3. ***That the minimum change rule applies only when the reduction in entitlement is less than £2 and not when the increase in entitlement is less than £2, i.e. the revision becomes net positive for claimants.***

Proposed by Cllr Sykes

Seconded by Cllr Mac Cafferty

**Note:** Comment from the Executive Director of Finance & Resources on amendment 3 above regarding the financial implications.

Although not certain the financial impact is deemed manageable and will need to be factored into the 2019/20 budget processes through January and February.

Recommendations if carried to read:

1. That the council approves the making of a revised Council Tax Reduction Scheme incorporating the changes at paragraphs 3.8 to 3.14 of the report, subject to the changes in 2.9.
2. That the Executive Director of Finance & Resources be authorised to amend the council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Persons who are not Pensioners) (Brighton & Hove City Council) 2013 to reflect the changes at 3.8 to 3.14 below, and to take all steps necessary and incidental to the introduction of the revised scheme, subject to the changes in 2.9 (below).
3. That the minimum change rule applies only when the reduction in entitlement is less than £2 and not when the increase in entitlement is less than £2, i.e. the

revision becomes net positive for claimants.

**Council**

13 December 2018

**Agenda Item 48**

Brighton &amp; Hove City Council

**Subject:** Empty Homes Council Tax Premium  
Extract from the proceedings of the Policy Resources & Growth Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 13 December 2018

**Report of:** Executive Director Finance & Resources

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**Wards Affected:** All

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE*****Action Required of the Full Council:***

To receive the item referred from the Policy Resources & Growth Committee for consideration:

**Recommendation:**

- (1) That the Empty Home Premium be increased to the maximum levels as set out in table 1 at paragraph 3.2 of the report after two years of the dwelling remaining empty;
- (2) That formal determinations for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2019 and subsequent financial years as set out in Appendix 3 be agreed; and
- (3) That delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director of Finance & Resources to take all appropriate steps to implement and administer the recommendations in (1) and (2) above, including the publishing of any related data or information in accordance with statutory requirements.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**POLICY RESOURCES & GROWTH COMMITTEE**

**4.00pm 6 DECEMBER 2018**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Yates (Chair), Hamilton (Deputy Chair), Janio (Opposition Spokesperson), Mac Cafferty (Group Spokesperson), Bell, Meadow, Mitchell, Peltzer Dunn, Sykes and Wealls

**52 Empty Homes Council Tax Premium**

**52.1 RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:** That the Committee recommends that Council –

- (i) Approves that the Empty Home Premium is increased to the maximum levels as set out in table 1 at paragraph 3.2 after two years of the dwelling remaining empty.
- (ii) Makes the formal determinations for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2019 and subsequent financial years as set out in Appendix 3.
- (iii) Grants delegated authority to the Executive Director of Finance & Resources to take all appropriate steps to implement and administer the recommendations in (i) and (ii), including the publishing of any related data or information in accordance with statutory requirements.



**Council**

13 December 2018

**Agenda Item 49**

Brighton &amp; Hove City Council

**Subject:** **A New Economic Strategy for Brighton & Hove**  
**Extract from the proceedings of the Policy Resources & Growth Committee, 6 December 2018**

**Date of Meeting:** **13 December 2018**

**Report of:** **Executive Director Finance & Resources**

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**Wards Affected:** All

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE*****Action Required of the Full Council:***

To receive the item referred from the Policy Resources & Growth Committee for consideration:

**Recommendation:**

That Council adopts the Economic Strategy as part of its Policy Framework.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**POLICY RESOURCES & GROWTH COMMITTEE**

**4.00pm 6 DECEMBER 2018**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Yates (Chair), Hamilton (Deputy Chair), Janio (Opposition Spokesperson), Mac Cafferty (Group Spokesperson), Bell, Meadow, Mitchell, Peltzer Dunn, Sykes and Wealls

**84 A NEW ECONOMIC STRATEGY FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE**

- 84.1 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee recommends the Economic Strategy to Full Council for adoption, with the additional pillar as follows: A sustainable City: A City which looks to the future, focusing its economy on sustainable solutions to future challenges in order to protect and enhance the health and wellbeing of its' residents and act as a leader in developing a robust response to climate change.
- 84.2 **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:** That Council adopts the Economic Strategy as part of its Policy Framework

**Council**

13 December 2018

**Agenda Item 50**

Brighton &amp; Hove City Council

**Subject:** **Gambling Act 2005 – Review of Gambling Policy 2019-21.**  
**Extract from the proceedings of the Licensing Committee meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2018**

**Date of Meeting:** **13 December 2018**

**Report of:** **Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law**

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**Wards Affected:** All

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE*****Action Required of the Full Council:***

To receive the item referred from the Licensing Committee for consideration:

**Recommendation:** That the final Statement of Gambling Policy as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved and adopted as Council policy.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**LICENSING COMMITTEE (LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS)**

**3.00pm, 29 NOVEMBER 2018**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors O'Quinn (Chair), Morris (Deputy Chair), Hyde (Opposition Spokesperson), Deane (Group Spokesperson), Bennett, Cattell, Cobb, Horan, Knight, Marsh, Page, C Theobald and Wares

**Apologies:** Councillors Gilbey and Lewry

**PART ONE**

**19 GAMBLING ACT 2005 – REVIEW OF GAMBLING POLICY 2019 - 21**

- 19.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Communities and Housing detailing the Gambling Act 2005 review of Gambling Policy which had taken place which had led to the production the statement for 2019-21 which was now requested for approval.
- 19.2 It was noted that the Gambling Act 2005 required Licensing Authorities to prepare, every three years, a statement (also known as a Policy) of the principles which they proposed to apply when exercising their functions, and that they must publish the statement following the procedure set out in the Act, including whom they should consult.
- 19.3 The Chair, Councillor O'Quinn commended the report, referring to the fact that Brighton & Hove's gambling policies had been highlighted by the Gambling Commission as an exemplar of good practice. This was a testament to the hard work of the Regulatory Services Manager and the council's officer's and it was very positive that the work carried out in the city was widely recognised.
- 19.4 Councillor Morris sought confirmation regarding measures in place to ensure that minors did not have access to machines/games which were not age appropriate. It was explained that this was heavily proscribed and that it was required that notices indicating age and criteria for use were displayed. Work undertaken by the Gambling Commission had indicated that in some instances there was a high failure rate in public houses and work had been undertaken with breweries and holding companies to address this. Warning notices were sent and other actions taken as appropriate.
- 19.5 Councillor Page expressed concern regarding measures in place to seek to protect vulnerable adults in view of the fact that legislative changes in this respect had been delayed. It was explained that the measures in place in the city were robust, however

the licensing authority and operators were required to recognise and balance some customers need for privacy against the need for appropriate levels of supervision.

- 19.6 Councillor Deane enquired whether any delay would arise when updating and publishing the final version of the policy. It was confirmed that the document would be made available to view/download from the Council website as soon as it had been updated.
- 19.7 **RESOLVED:** That the final version of the Statement of Gambling Policy as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved and presented to Full Council; and
- 19.8 **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:** That the final Statement of Gambling Policy as set out in Appendix 1 to the report as presented be approved and adopted as Council policy.



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Review of Statement of Licensing Policy – Consultation Response Report 2018</b>		
	Extract from the proceedings of the Licensing Committee meeting held on the 29 <sup>th</sup> November, 2018		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	13 December 2018		
<b>Report of:</b>	Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE*****Action Required of the Full Council:***

To receive the item referred from the Licensing Committee for consideration:

**Recommendation:** That the revised Statement of Licensing Policy be approved and adopted as Council policy.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**LICENSING COMMITTEE (LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS)**

**3.00pm, 29 NOVEMBER 2018**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors O'Quinn (Chair), Morris (Deputy Chair), Hyde (Opposition Spokesperson), Deane (Group Spokesperson), Bennett, Cattell, Cobb, Horan, Knight, Marsh, Page, C Theobald and Wares

**Apologies:** Councillors Gilbey and Lewry

**PART ONE**

- 18. REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY – CONSULTATION RESPONSE REPORT 2018**
- 18.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, Communities and Housing detailing the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy which had taken place and the consultation responses received.
- 18.2 It was noted that the Council, as Licensing Authority, had a statutory duty to review its Statement of Licensing Policy (SoLP) every five years. The current policy was adopted on 24 March 2016 by Full Council. The current policy which had been adopted on 24 March 2016 by Full Council was required to be kept under review. The Council, as a licensing authority needed to carry out a consultation exercise prior to any review of its Licensing Policy (Section 5 (3)) of the 2003 Licensing
- 18.3 At its meeting held on 28 June the Committee had authorised officers to go out to statutory consultation with the proposal to expand the Special Stress (SSA) to cover Central Hove and to consult on the café/ bar category and a revised matrix.
- 18.4 Officers and the Police supported extension of the existing SSA to reflect the number of licensed premises in New Church Road, Hove. It had been identified that this would be consistent with the current SSA which acted as a buffer with the CIZ. The SSA was defined as an area of concern to be monitored for levels of public nuisance and anti social behaviour. Applications in the SSA were expected to have a robust operating schedule with appropriate conditions, although unlike the CIZ there was no presumption of refusal.



- 18.5 The Chair, Councillor O’Quinn stated that she was delighted with the proposed changes, especially in relation to the proposed café designation which she considered would address the concerns raised by members. She was grateful to Councillor Deane who had first highlighted this issue in relation to the North Laines which had seen an increase in café bar operations.
- 18.6 Councillor Hyde concurred stating that she supported the recommendations which she considered would provide a useful tool for addressing issues which Panels had encountered when determining café bar applications. It was confirmed in answer to questions that all applications needed to be considered on their individual merits and that a blanket refusal policy could not be applied in a CIZ.
- 18.7 Councillor Page stated that the number of premises from which alcohol could be bought was at saturation point in his ward and he was sure that the café bar category had been used as a loophole for alcohol sales.
- 18.8 Councillor Deane stated that she was grateful for the work put in by officers in seeking to address members concerns and hoped that it would be possible to look at extending the existing areas/designations in future based on operating experience. Councillor Deane considered that part of problems arose in part due to the definition in the legislation in relation to café bars which had never identified what constituted “substantial” food.
- 18.9 The Chair, Councillor O’Quinn confirmed that the policy as approved would still be capable of subsequent periodic review.
- 18.10 Councillor Wares stated that he was grateful to Councillors Deane and Wealls for their diligence in highlighting issues in relation to café bars and in relation to issues which had arisen in Central Hove. In answer to questions it was confirmed that vertical drinking was not permitted in café bars, all drinks had to be served to customers who were seated at tables.
- 18.11 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee agree the revisions to the Statement of Licensing Policy as follows:
- (1) Expand the Special Stress Area (SSA) into Central Hove;
  - (2) Change the name of the “café bar” category to “café” to reflect this in the policy; and
  - (3) Reduce café hours to 10.00pm within CIA category of the matrix; and
- 18.2 **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:** That the revised Statement of Licensing Policy be referred to Full Council for adoption.



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Review of the Members Allowances Scheme</b>		
	<b>Extract from the proceedings of the Policy Resources &amp; Growth Committee meeting held on the 6 December 2018</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>13 December 2018</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Director Finance &amp; Resources</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE*****Action Required of the Full Council:***

To receive the item referred from the Policy Resources & Growth Committee for consideration:

**Recommendation:**

- (1) That the new Members Allowances Scheme for the payment of allowances in 2019/20 be approved with effect from the Annual Council Meeting in May 2019; subject to the implementation of the Basic Allowance from the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 as detailed in the IRP's report and the Scheme in appendix 7 to the report;
- (2) That the Chief Executive be authorised to issue the Brighton & Hove Members' Allowances Scheme for 2019-23 in accordance with the regulations following Council approval and subject to any additional recommendations of the Panel approved by the Council prior to the 2019 May elections;
- (3) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the Constitution to reflect the new Members Allowances Scheme accordingly; and
- (4) That where there are any changes to any role listed as attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance under the Scheme, and the revised role is substantially the same as the previous role in terms of the nature or level of responsibility; the Special Responsibility Allowance shall continue to apply to the new role. This is subject to the Independent Remuneration Panel being consulted and agreeing that it is substantially the same role.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**POLICY RESOURCES & GROWTH COMMITTEE**

**4.00pm 6 DECEMBER 2018**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Yates (Chair), Hamilton (Deputy Chair), Janio (Opposition Spokesperson), Mac Cafferty (Group Spokesperson), Bell, Meadow, Mitchell, Peltzer Dunn, Sykes and Wealls

**92 REVIEW OF THE MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME**

- 92.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Lead for Strategy Governance & Law, regarding the review of Members Allowances Scheme 2019-23. Mr K Childerhouse (Chair of the Independent Remuneration Panel) attended the meeting to speak on the report.
- 92.2 The Chair thanked Mr Childerhouse and the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) for their work in preparing the report.
- 92.3 The Chair noted that an amendment had been submitted by the Conservative Group, and asked Councillor Bell to propose the amendment.
- 92.3 Councillor Bell thanked everyone for the report and the work undertaken by the IRP. He said that whilst he accepted the comments about the Chairs of the Planning and Licensing Committees, it was felt that it didn't take account of the amount of work which went into chairing the policy committees, and therefore it would be appropriate to treat all chairs the same. He said the Mayor was the first citizen of the city, who undertook many duties and dedicated most of the year to the mayoralty, and it was therefore felt that the reduction in their allowance was too much. He proposed the following amendment:

*That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel be amended to reflect a change in the Special Responsibility Allowances listed in the Panel's report at paragraph 5.3 (including the table of SRA's) and paragraphs 6.35 and 13.3 and in the table listed in appendix 2 as detailed below:*

- (1) *By reducing the percentage qualification of the Leader's SRA for the Chairs of the Planning and Licensing Committees down to 30% rather than 35%; thereby equating them to the Chairs of Policy Committees and an SRA of £9,752; and*

- (2) *By increasing the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's allowances to £12,352 and £2,600 respectively; these equating to 38% and 8% of the Leader's SRA.*

*Note: The saving of £3,250 by reducing the SRA's for the Chairs of Planning and Licensing Committees is then redistributed to the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's Allowances; thereby being cost neutral for the overall Scheme of Allowances.*

92.4 Councillor Wealls seconded the proposed amendment.

92.5 Councillor Peltzer Dunn said that the formal title of the Mayor was The Right Worshipful The Mayor of the City of Brighton and Hove. The Mayor had an ambassadorial role for the city, represented the public face of the city, and was the figurehead of the Council. The mayoral influence was incalculable and to say it was worth a percentage of the Leader's Allowance was not appropriate. The proposed allowance covered all the mayor's personal expenses, which for a female mayor would be more costly. As the IRP accepted, the allowance for the Mayor was not part of their remit, and he did not agree with their suggestion to reduce their allowance.

92.6 Councillor Sykes noted that the IRP's decision had been unanimous, and agreed that the workload of the Chair of the Planning and Licensing Committees was heavy, and so the Green Group would not support the amendment.

92.7 Councillor Mitchell thanked the IRP for their work, and said that it was an important principle that an independent body review the allowances. The IRP had looked at all aspects of councillors roles, and their recommendations should be abided by, and therefore the Labour Group would not support the amendment.

92.8 The Chair said that rather than proposing an amendment it may have been more appropriate to have referred the matter back to the IRP.

92.9 The Committee voted on the amendment, and it was not agreed.

**92.10 RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the Independent Remuneration Panel's report as detailed in appendix 1 be received and endorsed;
- (2) That the allowance payable to each of the members of the Independent Remuneration Panel be increased by 2% in line with the public sector pay award with effect from the date of the Annual Council meeting in May 2019, in recognition of the time commitment and the role of the Panel;
- (3) That the recommendations in the report of the IRP be recommended to the full Council for approval;

**92.11 RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- (1) That the full Council be recommended to adopt the new Members Allowances Scheme for the payment of allowances in 2019/20 with effect from the Annual Council Meeting in May 2019; subject to the implementation of the Basic

Allowance from the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 as detailed in the IRP's report and the Scheme in appendix 7 to the report;

- (2) That the Chief Executive be authorised to issue the Brighton & Hove Members' Allowances Scheme for 2019-23 in accordance with the regulations following Council approval and subject to any additional recommendations of the Panel approved by the Council prior to the 2019 May elections;
- (3) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the Constitution to reflect the new Members Allowances Scheme accordingly;
- (4) That where there are any changes to any role listed as attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance under the Scheme, and the revised role is substantially the same as the previous role in terms of the nature or level of responsibility; the Special Responsibility Allowance shall continue to apply to the new role. This is subject to the Independent Remuneration Panel being consulted and agreeing that it is substantially the same role.

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Review of the Constitution – December 2018</b>		
	<b>Extract from the proceedings of the Policy Resources &amp; Growth Committee meeting held on the 6 December 2018</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>13 December 2018</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Director Finance &amp; Resources</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE*****Action Required of the Full Council:***

To receive the item referred from the Policy Resources & Growth Committee for consideration:

**Recommendation:**

- (1) That the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution recommended in paragraph 2.3 of the report be approved and adopted;
- (2) That the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer be authorised to take all steps necessary or incidental to the implementation of the changes agreed by the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee and by Council, and that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend and re-publish the Council's constitutional documents to incorporate the changes;
- (3) That the changes proposed in paragraph 2.3 of the report come into force immediately following their adoption at full Council; and
- (4) That proposed changes set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report come into force immediately.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**POLICY RESOURCES & GROWTH COMMITTEE**

**4.00pm 6 DECEMBER 2018**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Yates (Chair), Hamilton (Deputy Chair), Janio (Opposition Spokesperson), Mac Cafferty (Group Spokesperson), Bell, Meadow, Mitchell, Peltzer Dunn, Sykes and Wealls

**94 REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION – DECEMBER 2018**

- 94.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Lead for Strategy Governance & Law which proposed changes to the Council's Constitution.
- 94.2 The Executive Lead for Strategy Governance & Law advised the Committee that there were three minor changes to the published report. Recommendation 2.5, should refer to recommendation 2.3 rather than 2.2, Recommendation 2.7 should refer to recommendation 2.3 rather than 2.2 and Recommendation 2.8 should refer to recommendation to 2.4 rather than 2.3.
- 94.3 Councillor Mac Cafferty was concerned that members of the public could not ask the same question multiple times within a six month period, particularly as residents did not always know the right forum to put a question. The Executive Lead for Strategy Governance & Law said that if a member of the public submitted a question to wrong committee they would be directed to the correct one, rather than it being flatly refused. With regard to the same question being asked a number of times, he said that some people were flooding committees with numerous questions and the amendments were being proposed to address that. Councillor Meadows said that Housing & New Homes Committee regularly received twenty plus questions for each meeting, and when they related to the work of another committee they would be forwarded on to ensure that they received a correct response both to the substantive and the supplementary question.
- 94.4 Councillor Sykes said he was concerned that if a number of different people wanted to ask questions on the same matter but from a different angle, that the Chair could decide to only allow one of those to be asked at a committee.
- 94.5 Councillor Janio said that some of the changes could be taken as eroding democracy, but said that he had attended a Housing & New Homes Committee and it wasn't democracy to flood a meeting with a series of questions on the same matter. He suggested that the matter be reviewed, but asked that it be done after the PR&G Committee in June 2019 as there would then be a new council in place. The Executive



Lead for Strategy Governance & Law said that the Cross Party Working Group met every two to three months, and would continue to review. The Chair agreed that it would be sensible to review after the new council was in place next year.

94.6 The Chair noted the amendments to the recommendations as outlined by the Executive Lead for Strategy Governance & Law.

94.7 **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the proposals set out in paragraphs 4.1-4.3 of the report for officers to undertake a review of Committee delegations in relation to homelessness and housing matters and report back to a future PR&G Committee be noted;
- (2) That the proposals set out in paragraph 4.4 and Appendix 1 of the report for officers to undertake a review of Member Working Groups and agree to discontinue those task and finish Groups that have completed their work and to report back to a future PR&G Committee to seek agreement to the continuance of specific Member Working Groups be noted;
- (3) That it be recommended to full Council the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution set out at paragraphs 4.5-4.8 of the report, (Council Procedure Rules – Public Questions) and 4.9-4.10 (Scheme of Delegations to Committees – corporate policy and budgetary implications);
- (4) That the recommendations set out at paragraphs 4.11- 4.12 of the report (Scheme of Officer Delegations - litigated claims handling) be approved.

94.8 **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- (1) That the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution recommended in paragraph 2. 3 of the report be approved and adopted.
- (2) That the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer be authorised to take all steps necessary or incidental to the implementation of the changes agreed by the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee and by Council, and that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend and re-publish the Council's constitutional documents to incorporate the changes.
- (3) That the changes proposed in paragraph 2.3 of the report come into force immediately following their adoption at full Council.
- (4) That proposed changes set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report come into force immediately



**GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT****REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**

To insert recommendation 5 to the extract from the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee meeting as listed in the addendum papers as shown below in ***bold italics***;

- 5. That the proposed changes set out in paragraph 2.3 that refer to paragraphs 4.5-4.8 (Council Procedure Rules – Public Questions) are subject to a review, to be brought back to a meeting of the Constitutional Working Group in 6 months' time.***

Proposed by: Cllr Sykes

Seconded by: Cllr Mac Cafferty

Recommendation if carried to read:

- (1) That the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution recommended in paragraph 2. 3 of the report be approved and adopted;
- (2) That the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer be authorised to take all steps necessary or incidental to the implementation of the changes agreed by the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee and by Council, and that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend and re-publish the Council's constitutional documents to incorporate the changes;
- (3) That the changes proposed in paragraph 2.3 of the report come into force immediately following their adoption at full Council;
- (4) That proposed changes set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report come into force immediately; and
- (5) That the proposed changes set out in paragraph 2.3 that refer to paragraphs 4.5-4.8 (Council Procedure Rules – Public Questions) are subject to a review, to be brought back to a meeting of the Constitutional Working Group in 6 months' time.



## HRA HOUSING CAP

## GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

To insert additional resolutions 2 and 3 amend resolution 1 as shown below in ***bold italics***;

This council resolves:

1. To call upon the Chair of Housing to bring a report to the next meeting of the Housing & New Homes Committee, on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019, that details a revised policy in the light of changes to HRA Borrowing Cap ***and the failure of current policies to achieve replacement of truly affordable social rents lost under the 'Right to Buy.'*** (RTB)
2. ***Since LGA research reveals councils have only been able to replace 1 in 5 homes sold under the RTB since 2011/12, to ask that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State, requesting the option for councils to suspend RTB sales in areas where there is a shortage of affordable homes;***
3. ***That the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State asking that the 30% limit on investment of RTB receipts in affordable housing be lifted; and that councils are able to include the full value of council land in the cost of building, thereby enabling scope for providing new homes at living and social rents.***

Proposed by: Cllr Gibson

Seconded by: Druitt

Recommendation if carried to read:

This council resolves:

1. To call upon the Chair of Housing to bring a report to the next meeting of the Housing & New Homes Committee, on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019, that details a revised policy in the light of changes to HRA Borrowing Cap and the failure of current policies to achieve replacement of truly affordable social rents lost under the 'Right to Buy.' (RTB)
2. Since LGA research reveals councils have only been able to replace 1 in 5 homes sold under the RTB since 2011/12, to ask that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State, requesting the option for councils to suspend RTB sales in areas where there is a shortage of affordable homes;
3. That the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State asking that the 30% limit on investment of RTB receipts in affordable housing be lifted; and that councils are able to include the full value of council land in the cost of building, thereby enabling scope for providing new homes at living and social rents.



**NOTICE OF MOTION****LABOUR AND CO-OPERATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT****FAILURE TO PROGRESS KING ALFRED PROJECT**

To amend the resolutions 1 and 2 and add an additional resolution 4 as shown below in **bold italics**:

This Council sadly notes the failure of the ~~Administration~~ **project** to make sufficient progress on the redevelopment of the King Alfred site since Crest Nicholson was chosen as Preferred Developer in January 2016.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Formally censure ~~the Administration~~ **all parties to the project** for its ~~the~~ failure to make progress;
2. Request that the Administration immediately **reminds** ~~makes clear which~~ **the Councillors on the cross-party Strategic Delivery Board (SDB) that SDB** is overseeing the project;
3. Underline its wish to deliver the agreed aims of the original King Alfred Project proposals, including seeking to maximise the delivery of affordable housing and sports facilities therein;
4. **Formally note Policy Resources & Growth Committee's decision last week to explore alternative options for the delivery of the redevelopment of the King Alfred site, including delivery of a Sport & Leisure complex for Hove, if the development agreement is not agreed by the end of January 2019.**

Proposed by: Cllr Daniel Yates

Seconded by: Cllr Clare Moonan

Recommendation if carried to read:

This Council sadly notes the failure of the project to make sufficient progress on the redevelopment of the King Alfred site since Crest Nicholson was chosen as Preferred Developer in January 2016.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Formally censure all parties to the project for the failure to make progress;
2. Request that the Administration immediately reminds the Councillors on the cross-party Strategic Delivery Board (SDB) that SDB is overseeing the project;
3. Underline its wish to deliver the agreed aims of the original King Alfred Project proposals, including seeking to maximise the delivery of affordable housing and sports facilities therein;

4. Formally note Policy Resources & Growth Committee's decision last week to explore alternative options for the delivery of the redevelopment of the King Alfred site, including delivery of a Sport & Leisure complex for Hove, if the development agreement is not agreed by the end of January 2019.