



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# **COUNCIL ADDENDUM 4 Amendments**

**4.30PM, THURSDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2022**

**HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER**



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### Council

Date of meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

#### PETITION FOR DEBATE – SAVE BRIGHT START

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in strikethrough and ***bold italics***:

Recommendations:

- 2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the Children, Young People & Skills Committee for consideration.
- 2.2 ***That a report comes before the January meeting of the Children, Young People & Skills Committee detailing the reasons for the closure of the Bright Start Nursery, including information on alternative provision and the actions the council will take to enable the timely placement of children in other suitable nursery provision.***

Proposed by: Cllr O'Quinn

Seconded by: Cllr Hamilton

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## **ICS Member Working Group: 06 December 2022**

**Present:** Cllrs Carmen Appich (Chair), Clare Moonan, Sarah Nield, Sue Shanks.

**Officers attending:** Rob Persey (Executive Director, Health & Adult Social Care), Andy Witham (HASC Assistant Director, Commissioning & Partnerships), Giles Rossington (Senior Policy, Partnerships & Scrutiny Officer).

**Apologies:** Alistair Hill

### **1 Notes of the Previous Meeting**

- 1.1 Cllr Moonan noted that there was no reference to the HOSC in the minutes of the November meeting (which she had been unable to attend). Cllr Appich agreed that there seems to be little mention of HOSC in terms of Integrated Care System governance, but it does now appear on governance structure slides.
- 1.2 Cllr Moonan noted that a recent presentation on the Integrated Care System at HOSC had been short on detail. Cllr Moonan will request a more detailed presentation at the next (25 January 2023) committee meeting.

### **2 Sussex Health & Care Assembly – agenda for 14 Dec meeting**

- 2.1 Cllr Shanks informed the Group that the 14 Dec Assembly meeting would focus on agreeing the Sussex Integrated Care Strategy (ICS) and on debating the future role of the Assembly. Cllr Shanks noted that it was still an early point in the evolution of the Assembly. Everyone seems very positive, which is good, but the tone does not necessarily reflect the seriousness of the problems facing the Sussex health and care system. While the Assembly may play a part in helping system partners work together more effectively, there are fundamental resource issues that will not be solved by better partnership working.
- 2.2 Cllr Moonan asked whether there would be a role for the Assembly in resource allocation.
- 2.3 Cllr Appich stated that she has concerns about any plans to align local authority and NHS budgets, given the tendency for major elements of NHS budgets (such as the Better Care Fund) to only be agreed mid-year.
- 2.4 Rob Persey told the Group that he understood their frustrations. However, it is important to recognise that this is not a short-term fix: the Integrated Care System offers an opportunity for local authority and community & voluntary sector voices to be heard, but we are still working within traditional NHS cultures, and it will take time for this culture to change – this is a five year plus project. There is some excellent and innovative work happening at an operational level and this has begun to trickle-up into system planning, but this will not happen overnight.
- 2.5 Cllr Shanks noted that, once the ICS is agreed, the Assembly will move on to considering Delivery Plans.

- 2.6 Cllr Moonan asked whether there was sufficient focus in the work of the Assembly on Brighton & Hove as a place with very specific characteristics and needs which may be very different from needs in the rest of Sussex. Rob Persey responded that this is indeed a focus of the Assembly and of the ICS, which was developed from the three Sussex Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategies. For example, Brighton & Hove has a place priority focusing on people with multiple compound needs (e.g. any three of: homelessness/rough sleeping; domestic violence; substance misuse; contact with the judicial system; mental health). The ICS is not a perfect document, but it is good enough to function as the basis for the development of place working.
- 2.7 Cllr Moonan noted that there was no reference in the ICS to dentistry or to recent critical CQC inspections of NHS services in Sussex. Cllr Shanks agreed to raise the absence of these issues at the Assembly meeting.

### **3 Sussex Integrated Care Strategy**

- 3.1 Rob Persey told the Group that the ICS is not a typical NHS command & control strategy; it is much broader, with a focus on primary as well as secondary prevention, and also a major focus on partnership working. The ICS may be best viewed as a framework, and should be judged by whether it gives us the flexibility to address the local problems we have prioritised. For example, we know that there is a problem with accessing GP services in Brighton & Hove. This is not explicitly included in the ICS, but the Strategy does have a priority to improve access to services which would enable us to have a local priority to improve access to GPs. There is nothing in the ICS that we could really disagree with, and much that offers us potential levers with the Sussex system at a later date.
- 3.2 Cllr Appich accepted the point that the ICS may help us locally at a later date, but asked whether it also dealt with issues that are urgent now. Mr Persey responded that the ICS does address some specific urgent priorities. For example, the local priority on multiple compound needs is of particular relevance to the city and will enable us to focus support on a relatively small number of extremely vulnerable people, linking in with the Government's Changing Futures programme and with the local roll-out of the national drugs strategy. Another example is mental health, where work is ongoing to socialise the findings of the recently published mental health needs assessment with various partners and stakeholder groups across the city: City Management Board, BHCC Leadership Network, CVS organisations and so on.
- 3.3 Mr Persey outlined Integrated Care System governance, noting that the system level strategic goals tally well with our Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities. Mr Persey explained how the Sussex Health & Care Assembly, NHS Sussex, local Health & Wellbeing Boards and place Health & Care Partnerships will work together. In terms of place, members were told:

- Place arrangements are non-statutory.
- NHS Sussex/Sussex Health & Care Assembly will have no control of local authority finances.
- There will be a broad partnership at place.
- There will be active discussion of at what scale to delivery services and drive improvement. This could be at place level or at Primary Care Network, locality or community of interest level, depending on what works best.
- More work needs to be done on place structures, although a large part of the architecture is up and running.

3.4 Cllr Moonan thanked Mr Persey for his presentation, noting that this was the level of detail that members had been asking for and provided a good deal of assurance. While the ICS seems unobjectionable, it is very high level, and members will need to focus on the local delivery plans. Members agreed that future meetings of the MWG should focus on the development of local delivery plans.

3.5 Members agreed to note the Integrated Care Strategy and agreed that it would be helpful to refer the ICS to full Council for information (i.e. as part of the scheduled report to 15 December 2022 Council to approve Sussex Health & Care Assembly Terms of Reference).

#### **4 Development of Place Structures**

4.1 This item was covered in discussion of item 3 (see above)

#### **5 AOB**

5.1 There was none.



# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

Date of meeting 15 December 2022

**Agenda Item 60**

## **GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**

### **Protecting the City's Trees**

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in ~~strikethrough~~ and ***bold italics***:

This Council notes that:

1. Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) were introduced in 1947 as a tool for local authorities to use to protect individual trees and woodland in the interests of preserving the amenity those trees provide to the area.
2. If a tree is protected by a TPO then it is a criminal offence to cut down, top, lop, uproot, damage or destroy that tree without the written consent of the local planning authority, and this extends to the cutting of the tree's roots.
3. Anyone found guilty of wilfully destroying a protected tree, or wilfully damaging that tree in a way that is likely to destroy it, may be fined up to £20,000 in the Magistrates Court and, in serious cases, they may go to the Crown Court, where the potential fine is unlimited ***and that this record was first tested thanks to action from a Brighton and Hove City Councillor***

This Council agrees that:

4. We should use the full force of the law when trees with TPOs are removed without BHCC's permission.

This Council therefore resolves to request:

5. A report to ~~ETS~~ ***TECC*** Committee which ***outlines*** brings forward for approval:-
  - a. ~~An enforcement~~ ***Details on the council's and national planning*** policy in relation to trees with TPOs that are removed without BHCC's permission ***and lawful conditions the council can make on applications regarding trees;***
  - b. ***A draft communications plan*** ~~Guidance~~ for residents and developers to support the Council's enforcement approach.
  - c. ~~Rules about the size, variety and number of trees — as well as agreed watering and maintenance schedules — to replace any tree on private land removed without the required permissions.~~

Proposed by: Cllr Littman

Seconded by: Cllr Hugh-Jones

## **Recommendations to read if carried:**

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Date of meeting: 15 December 2022

INDEPENDENT COUNCILLORS AMENDMENT

Mental Health Emergency

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in ~~strikethrough~~ and ***bold italics***:

This council:

1. Notes the demand on mental health services outlined in the Mental Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment [1] which highlights that the demands on and levels of need for mental health services in Brighton & Hove is high compared to England, in the case of children and young people, as well as working age adults and older adults
2. declares its recognition of a local and national mental health emergency
3. recognises the Brighton & Hove Citizens campaign and commits to work in partnership to ensure the voices of young people and marginalised communities are included in every step of the work to address the mental health emergency

Therefore, resolves to:

4. ~~Request the chief executive writes to the Education Secretary requesting~~ ***Note the need for*** resources to better equip education providers to deal with the challenges of poor mental health for students, teachers and staff;
5. Request a report be brought to Health and Wellbeing Board which:
  - a. explores the options for rolling out school and college-based counselling across the city
  - b. receives an update on funding committed at Budget Council in February on mental health first aid training
6. Request a report to Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee which:
  - a. calls for greater collaboration between NHS and other public services including council and police
  - b. sets out what training is and can be provided to frontline public services including education providers, police and the community and voluntary sector
  - c. sets out a plan for regular reports back to the committee
  - d. outlines local Mental Health Emergency Response Service provision and recommends improvements

Proposed by: Cllr Fishleigh

Seconded by: Cllr Janio

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# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 62**

Date of meeting 15 December 2022

## GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

### Protect renters this Winter: Stop revenge evictions!

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in ~~strikethrough~~ and ***bold italics***:

Council notes:

1. This Winter's cost-of-living emergency and dangers to tenants in properties with health hazards i.e. damp, mould, excess cold;
2. The tragic death of two-year-old Awaab Ishak from prolonged exposure to mould;
3. Mould, damp and serious disrepair in the social and private housing sectors needs addressing;
4. Action the council can take to prevent revenge evictions, raise standards and deter landlords from breaking the law;
5. The council has legal powers to preempt revenge evictions by issuing 'improvement notices ahead of any s21 notice';
6. The 2019 High Court ruling in favour of Hull City Council
7. **The high levels of rent in Brighton & Hove [1]**
8. **The leader of the council wrote to DHLUC last week demanding the government take action to support renters in the city, by calling for an increase to the benefits and their cap, a reintroduction on temporary ban of evictions until at least March 2024 and an introduction of a rent-freeze as per the measures introduced by the Scottish Government**

Council therefore:

- a) requests officers to bring a report to Housing Committee
  - Reviewing the council's private sector housing enforcement policy to reduce tenants' risk of 'revenge evictions' by serving 'improvement notices' and 'emergency remedial action notices' at the soonest opportunity.
  - outlining plans to display on the council website steps private renters can take regarding repairs requests and revenge eviction notice
- b) requests the Chief Executive write to Michael Gove
  - **Urging him to bring forward primary legislation banning revenge evictions or devolving the power to do so in Brighton & Hove to the local authority**
  - **Requesting the phasing out of short-term tenancy agreements of six months**
  - **Encouraging him to follow the example set by the Welsh Senedd and adopt legislation protecting renters from eviction for the first 12 months of their tenancy**

- **urging the provision of powers for local authorities to control rents in areas, like Brighton and Hove, where they have become unaffordable.**

Proposed by: Cllr Gibson

Seconded by: Cllr Osborne

**Recommendations to read if carried:**

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# Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 62

Date of meeting 15 December 2022

## CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

### PROTECT THE RENTERS THIS WINTER: STOP REVENGE EVICTIONS!

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in ~~strikethrough~~ and ***bold italics***:

Council notes:

1. This Winter's cost-of-living emergency and dangers to tenants in properties with health hazards i.e. damp, mould, excess cold;
- ~~2. The tragic death of two-year-old Awaab Ishak from prolonged exposure to mould;~~
3. Mould, damp and serious disrepair in the ***council-run*** social ~~and private~~ housing sectors needs addressing ***first, by:***
  - i. Addressing the 10,000 backlog in the Council's Housing Repairs;***
  - ii. Repairing void properties so they can be lived in; and***
  - iii. Resuming estate inspections, which were cancelled in 2018***
- ~~4. Action the council can take to prevent revenge evictions, raise standards and deter landlords from breaking the law;~~
- ~~5. The council has legal powers to intervene in cases of revenge evictions with 'improvement notices' to invalidate s21 notices;~~
- ~~6. The 2019 High Court ruling in favour of Hull City Council;~~

Council therefore resolves to request officers to bring a report to Housing Committee:

- a) Reviewing the council's ~~private sector housing enforcement policy to reduce tenants' risk of 'revenge evictions' by serving 'improvement notices' and~~ ***own housing enforcement policy, to reduce tenants' anxiety by serving*** 'emergency remedial action notices' at the soonest opportunity;
- b) Outlining plans to display on the council website steps ~~private renters~~ ***tenants*** can take regarding repairs requests and ~~revenge eviction notices~~ ***that are not carried out in a timely way;***
- c) ***Reviewing the letting of our council homes that are below the EPC standard consistent with that which applies to all private landlords.***

Proposed by: Cllr Meadows

Seconded by: Cllr Nemeth

Recommendations to read if carried:

Council notes:

1. This Winter's cost-of-living emergency and dangers to tenants in properties with health hazards i.e. damp, mould, excess cold;
2. Mould, damp and serious disrepair in the council-run social housing sector needs addressing first, by:
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  - ii. Repairing void properties so they can be lived in; and
  - iii. Resuming estate inspections, which were cancelled in 2018.

Council therefore resolves to request officers to bring a report to Housing Committee:

- a) Reviewing the council's own housing enforcement policy, to reduce tenants' anxiety by serving 'emergency remedial action notices' at the soonest opportunity;
- b) Outlining plans to display on the council website steps tenants can take regarding repairs requests that are not carried out in a timely way;
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### GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

#### Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children abandoned in city's hotels

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in ~~strikethrough~~ and ***bold italics***:

Council notes:

1. In July 2021 the Home Office began contracting with hotel owners in Brighton & Hove and elsewhere to house ***unaccompanied*** asylum-seeking children ***(UASC) as well as adults and families with children in additional hotels;***
2. Alarming reports that at least 222 ~~unaccompanied children~~ ***UASC*** placed by the Home Office in hotels nationally – many in Brighton & Hove – have gone missing;
3. The Home Office has a mandatory statutory duty under section 55 of the Borders Act 2009 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the UK;
4. Local authorities have mandatory statutory duties under the Children Acts of 1989 and 2004 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need within their area;
5. The mandatory National Transfer Scheme (***NTS***) is intended to promptly transfer ~~unaccompanied children~~ ***UASC***, on their arrival in the UK, to statutory local authority care ***and many local authorities are under their mandated quota of 0.1% of their child population***
6. ***There is a cost to the general fund for caring for UASC due to gaps in Government funding compared to cost***

Council requests:

- 6.7. The Chief Executive writes to the Home Secretary asking for:
  - ***A written*** explanation of the legal basis upon which they are moving unaccompanied asylum seeking children outside of the local authority area of their arrival in the UK into hotels in Brighton & Hove being used as “intake centers” , and provide legal clarity about whether the Home Office accepts responsibility of ‘corporate parent’ for the “children placed in those “intake centers”
  - ***A justification on why UASC who are wrongfully age assessed as adults and placed in an ‘adult’ hotel become the responsibility of the local authority until the NTS transfer takes place, which takes many weeks, sometimes months.***
  - ***A review of the funding rate for UASC children in care and care leavers and a review of the rate for councils who take spontaneous arrivals***
  - ***An amendment to the date which local authorities are judged to be at the higher threshold for the UASC funding rate***

7. ~~requesting an urgent meeting with the Home Office to discuss the welfare needs of and adequate funding for unaccompanied children~~
8. A report or briefing to the next CYPS meeting to clarify:
  - a. At what point in the process Brighton and Hove City Council is informed by the Home Office that a child is being transferred out of area to a hotel or “extension of an intake center” located by the HO in Brighton and Hove
  - b. What **challenge officers have put to the Home Office to ensure they** ~~specific steps are being taken to safeguard children once officers are made aware of~~ **upon their arrival in hotels as well as highlighting the specific areas of concern the council has ensured have been addressed over the last eighteen months**
  - c. **The care delivered by the city council for UASC in care and care leavers and the impact of the rise in quota from 0.07 to 0.1%**

Proposed by: Cllr Allbrooke

Seconded by: Cllr Powell

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### Council

Date of meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

#### CYCLE HANGARS

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in strikethrough and ***bold italics***:

This Council:

1. Notes ~~public frustration with and~~ unfavourable national press coverage of the roll-out of the Council's cycle hangar scheme
2. Expresses concern over the use of the Budget process, rather than a standard Officer Report at Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee, to implement the scheme; thereby avoiding scrutiny of financial, legal and equality issues and numerous other related matters;
3. ***Expresses concern at reports from residents that workers who installed the cycle hangars were advised by council staff to "call the police immediately if there was any trouble" in response to residents politely sharing concerns;***
4. ~~3-~~Notes the lack of consultation that has taken place with residents over hangar locations; and

Therefore, resolves to:

5. ~~4-~~Calls for an Officer Report detailing all elements of the cycle hangar scheme, ***to include details of the exact criteria used to accept or decline cycle hangar placements.***

Proposed by: Cllr Wilkinson

Seconded by: Cllr Allcock

Motion to read if carried:

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#### LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

#### COST OF LIVING – BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in strikethrough and ***bold italics***:

This council notes:

1. Rising costs and inflation have negatively impacted businesses, third sector organisations, and the public sector in the city [1][2] ***and that in October, Council agreed to declare a cost-of-living emergency and hold a cost-of-living emergency summit***
2. That after Brexit and the continuing covid-19 pandemic, the costs and challenges of running businesses and organisations in the city are even greater, particularly due to labour shortages [3]
3. Small businesses are more likely to be harder hit by these difficulties and need more support, ***and that many may not be aware of the limited support that is available to them***

And further recognises:

4. Recent lobbying letters agreed at the Policy & Resources Committee in October which outlines the need for support for SMEs in Brighton & Hove from Government including calling for the reduction of tourism VAT to 5% and dedicated businesses grant support
5. The local #GiveltBack campaign which marks an act of solidarity, for the first time in the city, demanding a reversal of cuts to local services and local government worker pay. [4]

Therefore, the Council resolves to:

6. Recognise and thank small businesses in Brighton & Hove for the positive impact they have despite challenging circumstances, ***and to consider increased communications with them on the support they can seek (including grants, business rates relief, information and advice on energy bills and limited government support such as the Covid Recovery Loan Scheme), for example, with signposting on the council website, social media channels and direct communications with businesses***
7. Reaffirm the Council commitment to work closely with businesses directly, alongside the Chamber of Commerce and other business networking organisations and Community Works, to identify any issues businesses and organisations are facing

8. Support the Local Government Association 'Save our Services' campaign to push the Government to secure adequate funding for local authorities in line with inflation-
9. ***Include consideration of funding within the budget-setting process for 2023-24 to make support for small businesses a priority***

**Proposed by: Cllr Evans**

**Seconded by: Cllr Robins**

**Motion to read if carried:**

This council notes:

1. Rising costs and inflation have negatively impacted businesses, third sector organisations, and the public sector in the city [1][2] and that in October, Council agreed to declare a cost-of-living emergency and hold a cost-of-living emergency summit
2. That after Brexit and the continuing covid-19 pandemic, the costs and challenges of running businesses and organisations in the city are even greater, particularly due to labour shortages [3]
3. Small businesses are more likely to be harder hit by these difficulties and need more support, and that many may not be aware of the limited support that is available to them

And further recognises:

4. Recent lobbying letters agreed at the Policy & Resources Committee in October which outlines the need for support for SMEs in Brighton & Hove from Government including calling for the reduction of tourism VAT to 5% and dedicated businesses grant support
5. The local #GiveItBack campaign which marks an act of solidarity, for the first time in the city, demanding a reversal of cuts to local services and local government worker pay. [4]

Therefore, the Council resolves to:

6. Recognise and thank small businesses in Brighton & Hove for the positive impact they have despite challenging circumstances, and better communicate with them on the support they can seek (including grants, business rates relief, information and advice on energy bills and limited government support such as the Covid Recovery Loan Scheme), with signposting on the council website, social media channels and direct communications with businesses
7. Reaffirm the Council commitment to work closely with businesses directly, alongside the Chamber of Commerce and other business networking organisations and Community Works, to identify any issues businesses and organisations are facing
8. Support the Local Government Association 'Save our Services' campaign to push the Government to secure adequate funding for local authorities in line with inflation

9. Identify funding within the budget-setting process for 2023-24 to make support for small businesses a priority



# Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

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## CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

### COST OF LIVING – BUSINESS AND COMMUNITIES

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in ~~strikethrough~~ and ***bold italics***:

This council notes:

1. Rising costs and inflation have negatively impacted businesses, third sector organisations, and the public sector in the city [1][2]
2. That after ~~Brexit and the continuing covid-19 pandemic~~ ***the financial mismanagement of this council***, the costs and challenges of running businesses and organisations in the city are even greater, ~~particularly due to labour shortages [3]~~, ***particularly due to being the fifth most expensive council for parking in the UK, with traders' permits costing approximately £800 per year.***
3. Small businesses are more likely to be harder hit by these difficulties and need more support

~~And further recognises:~~

- ~~4. Recent lobbying letters agreed at the Policy & Resources Committee in October which outlines the need for support for SMEs in Brighton & Hove from Government including calling for the reduction of tourism VAT to 5% and dedicated businesses grant support~~
- ~~5. The local #GiveltBack campaign which marks an act of solidarity, for the first time in the city, demanding a reversal of cuts to local services and local government worker pay. [4]~~

Therefore, the Council resolves to:

- ~~6.~~ 4. Recognise and thank small businesses in Brighton & Hove for the positive impact they have despite challenging circumstances ***the council's mismanagement.***
- ~~7.~~ Reaffirm 5. ***Commit*** the Council ***to working*** commitment to work closely with businesses directly, alongside the Chamber of Commerce and other business networking organisations and Community Works, to identify any issues businesses and organisations are facing
- ~~8.~~ 6. ***Apologise to small businesses for putting off visitors and residents alike due to astronomical parking charge increases creating a £1.4m blackhole; and for increasing council tax band D by 42.8% in the last 10 years designating our city 'a high taxing council'.*** Support the Local Government Association 'Save our Services' campaign to push the Government to secure adequate funding for local authorities in line with inflation.

Proposed by: Cllr McNair

Seconded by: Cllr Nemeth

**Recommendations to read if carried:**

This council notes:

1. Rising costs and inflation have negatively impacted businesses, third sector organisations, and the public sector in the city [1][2]
2. That after the financial mismanagement of this council, the costs and challenges of running businesses and organisations in the city are even greater, particularly due to being the fifth most expensive council for parking in the UK, with traders' permits costing approximately £800 per year.
3. Small businesses are more likely to be harder hit by these difficulties and need more support.

Therefore, the Council resolves to:

4. Recognise and thank small businesses in Brighton & Hove for the positive impact they have despite the council's mismanagement.
5. Commit the Council to working closely with businesses directly, alongside the Chamber of Commerce and other business networking organisations and Community Works, to identify any issues businesses and organisations are facing.
6. Apologise to small businesses for putting off visitors and residents alike due to astronomical parking charge increases creating a £1.4m blackhole; and for increasing council tax band D by 42.8% in the last 10 years designating our city 'a high taxing council'.

### Council

Date of meeting 15 December 2022

#### LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

#### CLIMATE EMERGENCY FOUR YEARS ON

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in strikethrough and ***bold italics***:

This council notes:

1. The city council declared a climate and biodiversity emergency in December 2018 [1]
2. That following dramatic weather events over the autumn, it is clear that climate change isn't just coming – it is here and has already had an impact on the city such as with localised flooding.
3. The council's ***cross-party*** Carbon Neutral Programme's focus on Carbon Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Conserving & Enhancing Biodiversity and the annual report showing our performance [2]
4. Information made available on the council website on the action being taken on the climate and biodiversity emergency, including the recent annual report (Link: [Appendix 1 Annual Report 2021-22 FINAL covers.pdf \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](#))
5. The work of the Brighton Chamber to encouraging business to become net zero champions ***and the work of the council in collaboration with partners in the Greater Brighton region, such as through the Greater Brighton Economic Board, in tackling the climate crisis*** [3]

Therefore, resolves to request:

6. The Chief Executive to write to businesses and third sector organisations in the city, highlighting:-
  - (a) The Council's actions to address the climate and biodiversity emergency;
  - (b) That the council contributes less than 2% of the city's carbon emissions and advertising the support available to businesses to cut transport emissions, such as the e-cargo bike accelerator project
7. The Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for environment, food and rural affairs asking them to provide further funding to councils, businesses and third sector organisations to tackle the climate and biodiversity emergency, calling upon the government to publish a full set of environmental performance indicators ***and to grant local authorities more powers to intervene in the public transport sector and force private operators to bring down bus and rail fares in order to make public transport more***

*affordable and accessible*

8. ***Council reaffirms its commitment to delivering the full suite of measures recommended by the city's first ever climate assembly, including the introduction of a park and ride scheme.***

**Proposed by: Cllr Wilkinson**

**Seconded by: Cllr Appich**

**Motion to read if carried:**

This council notes:

1. The city council declared a climate and biodiversity emergency in December 2018 [1]
2. That following dramatic weather events over the autumn, it is clear that climate change isn't just coming – it is here and has already had an impact on the city such as with localised flooding.
3. The council's cross-party Carbon Neutral Programme's focus on Carbon Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Conserving & Enhancing Biodiversity and the annual report showing our performance [2]
4. Information made available on the council website on the action being taken on the climate and biodiversity emergency, including the recent annual report (Link: [Appendix 1 Annual Report 2021-22 FINAL covers.pdf \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](#))
5. The work of the Brighton Chamber to encouraging business to become net zero champions and the work of the council in collaboration with partners in the Greater Brighton region, such as through the Greater Brighton Economic Board, in tackling the climate crisis [3]

Therefore, resolves to request:

6. The Chief Executive to write to businesses and third sector organisations in the city, highlighting:-
  - (a) The Council's actions to address the climate and biodiversity emergency;
  - (b) That the council contributes less than 2% of the city's carbon emissions and advertising the support available to businesses to cut transport emissions, such as the e-cargo bike accelerator project
7. The Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for environment, food and rural affairs asking them to provide further funding to councils, businesses and third sector organisations to tackle the climate and biodiversity emergency, calling upon the government to publish a full set of environmental performance indicators and to grant local authorities more powers to intervene in the public transport sector and force private operators to bring down bus and rail fares in order to make public transport more affordable and accessible
8. Council reaffirms its commitment to delivering the full suite of measures recommended by the city's first ever climate assembly, including the introduction of a park and ride scheme.

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## **INDEPENDENT COUNCILLORS AMENDMENT**

### **Climate emergency four years on**

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in ~~strikethrough~~ and ***bold italics***:

This council notes:

1. The city council declared a climate and biodiversity emergency in December 2018 [1]
2. That following dramatic weather events over the autumn, it is clear that climate change isn't just coming – it is here and has already had an impact on the city such as with localised flooding.
3. The council's Carbon Neutral Programme's focus on Carbon Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Conserving & Enhancing Biodiversity and the annual report showing our performance [2]
4. Information made available on the council website on the action being taken on the climate and biodiversity emergency, including the recent annual report (Link: [Appendix 1 Annual Report 2021-22 FINAL covers.pdf \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](#))
5. The work of the Brighton Chamber to encouraging business to become net zero champions [3]

Therefore, resolves to ~~request~~:

#### **6. Consider publicity through local media:-**

**(a) Of the Council's actions to address the climate and biodiversity emergency;**

**(b) That the council contributes less than 2% of the city's carbon emissions and advertising the support available to businesses to cut transport emissions, such as the e-cargo bike accelerator project.**

~~6. The Chief Executive to write to businesses and third sector organisations in the city, highlighting:-~~

~~(a) The Council's actions to address the climate and biodiversity emergency;~~

~~(b) That the council contributes less than 2% of the city's carbon emissions and advertising the support available to businesses to cut transport emissions, such as the e-cargo bike accelerator project.~~

**7. Research additional funding streams available to councils, businesses and third sector organisations to tackle the climate and biodiversity emergency.**

~~7. The Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for environment, food and rural affairs asking them to provide further funding to councils, businesses and third sector organisations to tackle the climate and biodiversity emergency, calling upon the government to publish a full set of environmental performance indicators.~~

Proposed by: Cllr Fishleigh

Seconded by: Cllr Janio

**Recommendations to read if carried:**

This council notes:

1. The city council declared a climate and biodiversity emergency in December 2018 [1]
2. That following dramatic weather events over the autumn, it is clear that climate change isn't just coming – it is here and has already had an impact on the city such as with localised flooding.
3. The council's Carbon Neutral Programme's focus on Carbon Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Conserving & Enhancing Biodiversity and the annual report showing our performance [2]
4. Information made available on the council website on the action being taken on the climate and biodiversity emergency, including the recent annual report (Link: [Appendix 1 Annual Report 2021-22 FINAL covers.pdf \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](#))
5. The work of the Brighton Chamber to encouraging business to become net zero champions [3]

Therefore, resolves to:

6. Consider publicity through local media:-
  - (a) Of the Council's actions to address the climate and biodiversity emergency;
  - (b) That the council contributes less than 2% of the city's carbon emissions and advertising the support available to businesses to cut transport emissions, such as the e-cargo bike accelerator project.
7. Research additional funding streams available to councils, businesses and third sector organisations to tackle the climate and biodiversity emergency.

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## CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

### CLIMATE EMERGENCY FOUR YEARS ON

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in ~~strikethrough~~ and ***bold italics***:

This council notes:

1. The city council declared a climate and biodiversity emergency in December 2018 [1]
2. That following dramatic weather events over the autumn, it is clear that climate change isn't just coming – it is here and has already had an impact on the city such as with localised flooding.
3. ***That the council recognises that its failure to take timely action on weeds and leaves clearing has contributed to exacerbating the impact of localised flooding.***
4. The council's Carbon Neutral Programme's focus on Carbon Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Conserving & Enhancing Biodiversity and the annual report showing our performance [2]
5. Information made available on the council website on the action being taken on the climate and biodiversity emergency, including the recent annual report (Link: [Appendix 1 Annual Report 2021-22 FINAL covers.pdf \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](#))
6. ***Accepts that it must set out in public the emissions targets required for the city to become carbon neutral by 2050 in line with the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC).***
7. The work of the Brighton Chamber to encouraging business to become net zero champions [3]

Therefore, resolves to request:

8. The Chief Executive to write to businesses and third sector organisations in the city, ~~offering~~ **highlighting:-**
  - (a) ***What real and tangible technical and financial support is available to enable businesses to disclose their carbon emissions under their sectors' ESG obligations.*** ~~The Council's actions to address the climate and biodiversity emergency;~~
  - (b) ***What opportunities are available for leasing To lease vacant and opportunity high grade office and retail space that complies with legislation on energy efficiency and future EPC changes thereby enabling businesses to reduce their carbon emissions.*** ~~That the council contributes less than 2% of the city's carbon emissions and advertising the support available to businesses to cut transport emissions, such as the e-cargo bike accelerator project.~~

9. *The Chief Executive to write to the Chair of the UK Infrastructure Bank asking for details on the funding offered to Leeds City Council under the Local Low Carbon Accelerator (LLCA) partnership established by a sub-group of the Prime Minister's Business Council to deliver a major retrofit scheme accessible for homeowners in Leeds, noting Brighton and Hove request to access support offered by the Bank to help Local Authorities speed-up the rollout of crucial local net zero infrastructure projects.* ~~The Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for environment, food and rural affairs asking them to provide further funding to councils, businesses and third sector organisations to tackle the climate and biodiversity emergency, calling upon the government to publish a full set of environmental performance indicators.~~

Proposed by: Cllr Bagaean

Seconded by: Cllr Nemeth

**Recommendations to read if carried:**

This council notes:

1. The city council declared a climate and biodiversity emergency in December 2018 [1]
2. That following dramatic weather events over the autumn, it is clear that climate change isn't just coming – it is here and has already had an impact on the city such as with localised flooding.
3. That the council recognises that its failure to take timely action on weeds and leaves clearing has contributed to exacerbating the impact of localised flooding.
4. The council's Carbon Neutral Programme's focus on Carbon Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Conserving & Enhancing Biodiversity and the annual report showing our performance [2]
5. Information made available on the council website on the action being taken on the climate and biodiversity emergency, including the recent annual report (Link: [Appendix 1 Annual Report 2021-22 FINAL covers.pdf \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](#))
6. Accepts that it must set out in public the emissions targets required for the city to become carbon neutral by 2050 in line with the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC).
7. The work of the Brighton Chamber to encouraging business to become net zero champions [3]

Therefore, resolves to request:

8. The Chief Executive to write to businesses and third sector organisations in the city, offering:-
  - (a) Real and tangible technical and financial support to enable businesses to disclose their carbon emissions under their sectors' ESG obligations.

- (b) To lease vacant and opportunity high grade office and retail space that complies with legislation on energy efficiency and future EPC changes thereby enabling businesses to reduce their carbon emissions. 7
- 9. The Chief Executive to write to the Chair of the UK Infrastructure Bank asking for details on the funding offered to Leeds City Council under the Local Low Carbon Accelerator (LLCA) partnership established by a sub-group of the Prime Minister's Business Council to deliver a major retrofit scheme accessible for homeowners in Leeds, noting Brighton and Hove request to access support offered by the Bank to help Local Authorities speed-up the rollout of crucial local net zero infrastructure projects.

