



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

COUNCIL ADDENDUM

4.30PM, THURSDAY, 30 APRIL 2009

COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

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

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

(a) Mr Christopher Hawtree

"Would Councillor Mears please tell us what steps she will be taking to increase the administrative support for this authority's Overview and Scrutiny function?"

Councillor Mears, Leader of the Council, will reply.

(b) Mr Gavin Beatty

"If the Leader of the Council will update the City on progress regarding the study into the impact of the introduction of major supermarkets on local neighbourhood shopping centres such as Portland Road, Hove?"

Councillor Mears, Leader of the Council, will reply.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

The following questions listed on pages 39–41 of the agenda have been received from Councillors and will be taken as read along with the written answer detailed below. The Councillor asking the question may then ask one relevant supplementary question which shall be put and answered without discussion. A second supplementary question may be asked by any other Member of the Council which shall also be put and answered without discussion:

(a) Councillor Elgood

“What action does the Cabinet Member for Environment intend to take in light of European Commissioner Loizos Loizou's findings that the process for the joint Brighton and Hove/East Sussex County Council contract for waste incineration was not undertaken correctly?”

Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.

“The position is that in 2007 an extension was granted to the original Waste Management Services Contract. This was agreed having taken legal opinion that the process proposed for the extension was reasonable.

The EU Commission has written to the UK Government to advise that they consider at this stage that the extension to the original contract should have been put out to tender. However, the Commission has invited the UK Government to submit its observations on this view. The Councils [Brighton & Hove and East Sussex] are now assisting the Government in responding to the request for further information and observations.”

(b) Councillor Allen

“Is the Administration committed to the continuation of the mobile library service?”

Reply from Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism.

“Yes, the Administration is committed to the continuation of the mobile library service.”

(c) Councillor Allen

“Can the Cabinet Member for Culture confirm that income from sales from the Jubilee Library shop covers all the costs (eg staffing, heating, maintenance) of running the Jubilee Street Library shop? If not, what level of subsidy from the library budget is required?”

Reply from Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism.

“Looking at the budget for 2008-09, the income generated by the Booklover Store covered its trading costs, including staffing costs. The building costs relating to the space occupied by the Booklover Store are fully incorporated in the Jubilee Library costs and have not been disaggregated. The shop generates income that contributes to meeting the income targets for the Jubilee Library as a whole.”

(d) Councillor Duncan

“Can the Cabinet Member for Children Services tell us what steps were taken to ensure that the financial collapse of St Mary's Hall School in Eastern Road had no negative impact on the education of the city's children, both pupils at the school and those of other schools which they will attend from next year?”

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

“At the time of the announcement of the closure of St Mary's Hall School we communicated with Roedean School to ensure that parents of children affected were aware of the arrangements with regard to admissions in Brighton and Hove Schools. The situation is, of course, outside the direct control of the council but all appropriate action has been taken to minimise the negative impact on the city's children, both pupils at St Mary's Hall School and those attending Brighton & Hove schools.

With regard to school admissions, we have considered around a dozen applications from parents seeking places at maintained schools. In addition to the applications, we have also dealt with a number of enquiries from parents. In accordance with school admissions arrangements, we have only been able to offer places at schools with vacancies. At this stage of the year this is quite limited, given that most schools are full in established year groups.

With regard to the effect on other children in Brighton & Hove, any additional numbers in Brighton & Hove schools will ultimately feed into the council's funding from central government and will be reflected in the delegated budgets that schools receive which are based largely on pupil numbers. This will ensure that in due course maintained schools accepting pupils from St Mary's Hall will receive additional resources commensurate with increased pupil numbers.”

(e) Councillor Duncan

“Residents of Rochester Street have reported that an ambulance was unable to access their street last month to administer emergency healthcare to an elderly man who had collapsed following an aortic aneurism.

The man was reportedly told that the street was inaccessible to emergency vehicles because of the haphazard and unmanaged nature of parking in the

Baker's Bottom area: does the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services have any plans to speed up the proposed review of parking arrangements in the area?"

Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.

"I am sorry to hear about the elderly resident in your ward. I can only answer the final part of your question where you ask about future reviews as I am sure that you know that the Police and Emergency Services would be responsible for dealing with the specific issue that you have raised. Any interim measures can only be conducted by the Police. I know that they do as much as they can to enforce against bad parking here, particularly on the road junctions. This has included 3 letter drops, leafleting badly parked cars, polite notices and fixed penalty notices.

Historically I understand that residents opted out of the parking scheme proposed but I can inform you that this is about to be reviewed and officers are intending to conduct parking surveys here later this spring and summer as part of a larger parking review."

(f) Councillor Duncan

"Following the tragic death of a newspaper vendor during recent protests in London, and the alleged assault of a Brighton woman at a vigil in his honour, would the Cabinet Member for Community Safety express her support for a different approach to policing protests in Brighton and Hove, and ask Sussex Police to consider how they would plan to approach the policing of any protests within Brighton and Hove, so as not to use the technique of 'kettling' protestors – or confiscating any photographic equipment – at least until the Independent Police Complaints Commission has ruled on the appropriateness of such techniques?"

Reply from Councillor Simson, Cabinet Member for Community Affairs, Inclusion & Internal Relations.

"Thank you for your question. I am of course aware of the considerable publicity associated with recent events in London but the issues raised in your question are very much operational matters for Sussex Police and not council procedures.

I have no reason to believe that Sussex Police will not ensure that appropriate procedures are in place for any eventuality that may arise within the city. Furthermore, I would suggest that you don't pre-empt the outcome of the ongoing Independent Police Complaints Commission's inquiry into the appropriateness of different policing techniques."

Note: The question listed above from Councillor Duncan differs from that shown in the agenda papers. A previous version of the question was inadvertently printed rather than the correct one as shown with the written response.

(g) Councillor Mitchell

“Could the Cabinet Member for Central Services please clarify whether it is the council’s policy for their partnering contractors, Mears and Keir, to repair back pathways as well as front?”

Reply from Councillor Caulfield, Cabinet Member for Housing.

“I can confirm that it is council repairs policy to carry out Health and Safety repairs to make safe all pathways within the curtilage of council housing buildings. The work is carried out through our partnering contractors. This action is specific to works installed and maintained by the council to facilitate safe access to the front and/or rear entrance of a residential council property.

Where a resident may have installed a patio or hard standing themselves within the curtilage we would recharge the cost of any remedial works required.”

(h) Councillor Turton

“Could the Cabinet Member for Central Services please tell us what levels of quality assurance are the council’s contractors, Mears and Keir, measured against?”

Reply from Councillor Mears, Leader of the Council.

“In terms of quality assurance, the contractors have a recruitment and training policy that is applied to all trades staff they engage/recruit to work upon Brighton & Hove Council properties.

Trades employed by the contractors, having been required to meet competency, quality and customer service standards at employment stage, are also subject to frequent review/refresher quality standard courses throughout the life of a contract. Staff employed by the council to monitor the contractors are also required to meet competency, quality and customer service standards. The council monitor and control internal staff competencies through the Performance & Development Planning Scheme.

Within the current repairs & maintenance contract, British Standard (BS) of quality is specified in terms of materials to be used and competency qualifications of labour applications applied to the contract.

Work is measured, assessed and inspected to meet current legislation, material usage and the quality of the finished product and surrounding environment. Where a stand alone replacement of works takes place (such as a new kitchen or bathroom) then the measurement of quality is as if it was a new build product.

However, problems do sometimes occur with the aesthetics of finished work. The existing maintenance contract is very prescriptive to the contractors and does not allow or afford them the freedom to seek more acceptable and or more pleasing finished standards. The new housing procurement contract that commences in April 2010 has been developed with a focus upon improving the quality through a zero defects, 'right first time' approach, requiring the contractor to consistently deliver on Quality, Customer Service and overall value for money."

(i) Councillor Lepper

"Could the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, please tell us how far planning with the PCT has got, with regards to the funding being made available by the government for additional breaks for carers, which is estimated at £821,000 over the next two years?"

Reply from Councillor K Norman, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health.

"The National Strategy indicated that £150m funding would be included in baseline funding allocations for PCTs to support implementation of the strategy in respect of breaks and other services for carers in 2009/10 and 2010/11. This funding is not ringfenced and is not a specific allocation to individual PCTs.

It is possible for the PCT to estimate its share of the £150m at around £850,000 over the two years – with a greater proportion in the second year. At present, this investment is not explicitly identified in PCT plans – but there is an assumption within plans that the PCT will be releasing resources for targeted investment in priority areas over the year, of which services for carers is one.

The city council and PCT have a jointly funded Joint Commissioner for Carers' Services and joint processes which ensure a co-ordinated approach to carers' issues. The postholder is based in Adult Social Care but works closely with colleagues at the PCT to ensure that effective links are made into all strategic developments. Part of this is the joint council/PCT plan in the form of a new Carers' Development and Commissioning Strategy. A business case for additional funding from the PCT to support the revised strategy has been completed."

(j) Councillor Harmer-Strange

"Could the Cabinet Member for Finance state the current level of Brighton & Hove City Council's debt?"

Reply from Councillor Young, Cabinet Member for Finance.

The level of Council debt outstanding reduced by 16.2% between 31 March 2007 and 31 March 2009.

**EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 28 APRIL 2009**

Subject:	Code of Corporate Governance		
Date of Meeting:	30 April 2009 Governance Committee 28 April 2009		
Report of:	Director of Strategy and Governance		
Key Decision:	No		
Contact Officer:	Name: Mark Wall	Tel: 29-1006	
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE****4.00pm 28 APRIL 2009****COMMITTEE ROOM 1
HOVE TOWN HALL****MINUTES**

Present: Councillor Ann Norman (Chairman); Councillor Simpson (Deputy Chairman), Councillors Mrs Brown, Mrs Cobb, Duncan, Mears, Mitchell, Oxley, Taylor and Watkins.

***99. CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

- 99.1 The Committee considered an extract from the proceedings of the Audit Committee meeting held on the 31 March 2009, together with a report of the Director of Finance & Resources, concerning the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance (for copy see minute book).
- 99.2 The Head of Internal Audit introduced the report and outlined the revisions that had been made to update the Code of Corporate Governance which had been produced in 2007/08. He stated that the language used in the code had been simplified to enable a better understanding of the code. He noted that as part of the adopted code,

an annual review was required, the outcome of which would be included in the council's published Annual Governance Statement. He also noted that the code was due for approval by the Council at its meeting on the 30th April.

- 99.3 Members of the Committee noted that the information and welcomed the revisions made to the code.
- 99.4 The Chairman noted that a recorded vote had been requested and that sufficient Members had indicated their support and therefore put the recommendation to the vote.

NAME		For	Against	Abstain
Councillor	A Norman	x		
	Simpson	x		
	Mrs Brown	x		
	Mrs Cobb	x		
	Duncan	x		
	Mears	x		
	Mitchell	x		
	Oxley	x		
	Taylor	x		
	Watkins	x		

- 99.5 **RESOLVED** – That the revised Code of Corporate Governance be noted.

**EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON THE
23 APRIL 2009**

Subject:	Health & Safety Annual Service Plan 2009-10		
Date of Meeting:	30 April 2009		
Report of:	Acting Director of Strategy & Governance		
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**CABINET MEETING****4.00PM 23 APRIL 2009****COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL****MINUTES**

Present: Councillors Mears (Chairman), Mrs Brown, Caulfield, Fallon-Khan, Kemble, Simson, Smith, G Theobald and Young

Also in attendance: Councillors Mitchell (Leader of the Opposition), Randall (Spokesperson, Green) and Watkins (Spokesperson, Liberal Democrat)

Other Members present: Councillors Allen, Mrs Cobb, Kitcat, Meadows, Oxley, Wakefield-Jarrett and Wrighton

209 HEALTH & SAFETY ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN 2009-10

209.1 The Cabinet considered an extract from the proceedings of the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting held on 26 March 2009 concerning the Health and Safety Annual Service Plan (for copy see minute book).

209.2 **RESOLVED** - That, having considered the extract and the reasons set out in the original report, the Cabinet noted the two extracts and accepted the following recommendation:

- (1) That the Health and Safety Annual Service Plan 2009/10 be noted and recommended for approval by the Full Council.

**EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON THE
23 APRIL 2009**

Subject:	Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan 2009-10		
Date of Meeting:	30 April 2009		
Report of:	Acting Director of Strategy & Governance		
Contact Officer:	Name:	Tanya Massey	Tel: 29-1227
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Wards Affected:	All		

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Also in attendance: Councillors Mitchell (Leader of the Opposition), Randall (Spokesperson, Green) and Watkins (Spokesperson, Liberal Democrat)

Other Members present: Councillors Allen, Mrs Cobb, Kitcat, Meadows, Oxley, Wakefield-Jarrett and Wrighton

210 OFFICIAL FEED AND FOOD CONTROLS SERVICE PLAN 2009/10

210.1 The Cabinet considered an extract from the proceedings of the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting held on 26 March 2009 concerning the Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan (for copy see minute book).

210.2 **RESOLVED** - That, having considered the extract and the reasons set out in the original report, the Cabinet noted the two extracts and accepted the following recommendation:

- (1) That the Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan 2009/2010 be noted and recommended for approval by the Full Council.

Six Month Review of the Constitution – Council Recommendations**Addendum:**

An additional recommendation 2.5 to those listed in the report has been drafted to take account of the proposed change of name of the Culture Directorate as follows:

2.5 That Council agrees the change of name of the Directorate of Culture to “Culture and Enterprise” to reflect the role of the department in relation to economic development and support to local businesses.

In regard to the recommendation 2.3 in the report, the specific recommendations for Council approval are listed below. All other recommendations were for the Cabinet and have been dealt with at the Cabinet meeting on the 23rd April 2009.

Notices of Motion

4.2.1 The Monitoring Officer to issue guidance clarifying the Notice of Motion procedure to address:-

- relevance and timing of amendments;
- the ability to request Cabinet to consider proposals;
- limiting issues to those that directly affect the well-being of inhabitants of Brighton & Hove;
- the prohibition on Notices of Motion relating to live planning or licensing applications.

4.2.2 Seek co-operation from all Parties to limit the number of Member questions;

4.2.3 Members Services to issue clear guidance to the public explaining the time limit for public questions, the restrictions on supplementaries and that those questions not taken will be referred to the relevant Cabinet/CMM meeting;

4.2.4 Provide all Members with an email link to the decisions list in addition to the Forward Plan.

Overview and Scrutiny

4.3.1 Amend the Overview and Scrutiny procedures to relax the rule regarding conflicts so that it is clear that only those Members who have led or taken

a prominent role in a campaign or pressure group are excluded from scrutinising that issue;

- 4.3.2 Officers to identify models of best practice for Overview and Scrutiny and report back to Cabinet and OSC.

Technical amendments

- 4.4.4 Amend the delegations to the Director of Environment to include unopposed licensing applications;
- 4.4.6 Disapply Council Procedure Rule 18.13 in relation to the Standards Committee so that no substitutes are allowed at Standards Committee. This reflects the wishes of the Standards Committee;
- 4.4.7 Disapply procedure rule 24.1 of Council Procedure Rules in relation to Assessment Panel meetings. This will mean that the Panels will not be required to report up to Standards Committee and will accordingly assist in maintaining confidentiality;
- 4.4.9 Amend the Officer Employment Procedure Rules to provide for consultation with the Executive in respect of senior officer appointments in accordance with the requirements of Local Government (Standing Orders)(England) Regulations 2001.

**EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON THE
23 APRIL 2009**

Subject:	Six Month Review of the Constitution		
Date of Meeting:	30 April 2009		
Report of:	Acting Director of Strategy & Governance		
Contact Officer:	Name:	Tanya Massey	Tel: 29-1227
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**CABINET MEETING****4.00PM 23 APRIL 2009****COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL****MINUTES**

Present: Councillors Mears (Chairman), Mrs Brown, Caulfield, Fallon-Khan, Kemble, Simson, Smith, G Theobald and Young

Also in attendance: Councillors Mitchell (Leader of the Opposition), Randall (Spokesperson, Green) and Watkins (Spokesperson, Liberal Democrat)

Other Members present: Councillors Allen, Mrs Cobb, Kitcat, Meadows, Oxley, Wakefield-Jarrett and Wrighton.

214 SIX MONTH REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

214.1 The Cabinet considered an extract from the proceedings of the Governance Committee held on 10 March 2009 concerning the outcome of the six month review of the Council's Constitution and proposed amendments (for copy see minute book).

214.2 Councillor Mitchell welcomed the proposed changes and felt that the review had gone further than the 'light touch' promised and had accepted comments from a number of parties. She added that work needed to be done around public engagement to simplify processes and make members of the public aware of how to engage in decision-making.

214.3 The Chairman assured Councillor Mitchell that she would write to Councillor McCaffery regarding her concerns around the current lack of reporting route for equalities issues.

214.4 **RESOLVED** - That, having considered the extract and the reasons set out in the original report, the Cabinet noted the extract and accepted the following recommendation:

(1) That the proposals set out at paragraph 4 of the report, save those reserved to Full Council for decision, be adopted.

SIX MONTH REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP & LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT**

Add an additional recommendation 2.6 as shown in bold italics:

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the responses received to the invitation for feedback on the six month review of the Constitution;
- 2.2 That the Committee agrees to recommend to Cabinet the proposals set out at paragraph 4 of the report save those reserved to Full Council for decision at 2.3 below;
- 2.3 That the Committee agrees to recommend to Full Council the proposals for amendments to the Constitution set out at 4.2, 4.3, 4.4.4, 4.4.6, 4.4.7, 4.4.9.
- 2.4 That the Committee authorises the Head of Law to make the necessary amendments to the Constitution to reflect the above proposals once approved by the relevant body.
- 2.6 *That an all-party working group is set up to examine how a better focus can be given to the involvement of community groups and their representatives within the council's service delivery and to allow for issues relating to this to be easily raised and addressed, and for the recommendations from this group to be fed directly into the consultation on the 12 month review.***

Proposed by: Cllr David Watkins

Seconded by: Cllr Juliet McCaffery

**EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 28 APRIL 2009**

Subject:	Statutory Crime & Disorder Committee		
Date of Meeting:	30 April 2009 Governance Committee 19 March 2009		
Report of:	Director of Strategy and Governance		
Key Decision:	No		
Contact Officer:	Name: Mark Wall	Tel: 29-1006	
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Wards Affected:	All		

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Present: Councillor Ann Norman (Chairman); Councillor Simpson (Deputy Chairman), Councillors Mrs Brown, Mrs Cobb, Duncan, Mears, Mitchell, Oxley, Taylor and Watkins.

***97. STATUTORY CRIME & DISORDER COMMITTEE**

97.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Strategy & Governance, which detailed the need to establish a Crime & Disorder Committee and make provision for Councillor Call for Action resulting from the bringing into force of Sections 19-21 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 by the Government on the 30 April 2009 (for copy see minute book).

97.2 The Lawyer introduced the report and outlined the various options that had been identified to accommodate the need to establish a Crime and Disorder Committee within the overview and scrutiny function of

the council. He noted that whilst the regulations had been drawn up to cover all authorities, they did not take into account the situation in Brighton & Hove with the existence of the Community Safety Forum. In wishing to recognise the desire to retain the Community Safety Forum, it was felt that option 1 in the report offered the best solution. He also noted that there would be an opportunity to review the success of the arrangements that were agreed as part of the 12-month review of the new constitution. He therefore sought the committee's views as to which option was preferred and should be recommended to Full Council for adoption.

97.3 Councillor Duncan expressed his concern over the impact that the addition of the responsibility for crime & disorder would have on the work of the Environment & Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Organisation Committee. He believed the Overview & Scrutiny Committee already had a comprehensive work programme and felt that a separate Crime & Disorder Committee would be a better option and therefore option 2 in the report was more favourable.

97.4 Councillor Mitchell stated that it was difficult to always be in a position to accommodate changes and meet new requirements that resulted from legislation. She felt that it was important to recognise the role of and retain the Community Safety Forum and in so doing, option 1 enabled a way forward which would meet the legislative requirements. She also felt that this would not impinge on Member and officer resources as much as having a stand alone Crime & Disorder Committee.

97.5 Councillor Taylor stated that he felt there was a need for a separate Crime & Disorder Committee to enable it to fulfil its role and undertake an effective scrutiny function. He believed option 2 offered a better solution and that it should be the preferred option. He also noted that the Green Group had always advocated the need for a separate committee during the development of the new constitution.

97.6 Councillor Oxley stated that with the additional responsibility being placed on the council for the monitoring of crime & disorder, there was a need to consider how the function would best fit with the existing decision-making arrangements. He believed that option 1 offered a neat solution, it enabled the Community safety Forum to remain in its current form maintain its important role, recognised the provision of the Local Area Action teams and enabled specific issues relating to crime & disorder to be considered at overview & scrutiny level. He felt that the option provided an excellent balance and that these arrangements could always be reviewed as part of the 12-month review of the constitution.

97.7 Councillor Watkins stated that the importance and role of the Community safety Forum was something that should be retained. However, he believed that option 2 was a better model and suggested that it would be better to review its success as part of the 12-month review rather than implementing option 1 and reviewing it. He felt that a separate Crime & Disorder Committee would give more opportunity

for scrutiny and public involvement.

97.8 The Head of Legal & Democratic Services informed the committee that the options listed in the report had been identified by officers with an open mind. Having considered each of them, it was felt that option 1 worked best with the arrangements that were already in place, and enabled the council to meet its statutory requirements.

97.9 The Chairman noted the comments and stated that as no alternative had been put forward, the recommendations listed in the report remained and she put them to the vote.

97.10 **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND –**

- (1) That the Environment & Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee (ECSOSC) be designated as the council's statutory Crime & Disorder Committee;
- (2) That the protocol detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, governing the interface between the Community Safety Forum and ECSOSC be adopted;
- (3) That the Chair of ECSOSC (being the Chair also of the Crime & Disorder Committee), become a member of the Community Safety Forum;
- (4) That the Head of Law be authorised to put these arrangements into effect, following Full Council approval, including any necessary amendments to the council's constitution; and
- (5) That the Head of Law be instructed to monitor the effectiveness of the arrangements implemented under paragraphs (1) and (2) above, and, if appropriate, to submit a report to the Governance Committee, as part of the council's 12-month review of the constitution, or any changes considered necessary.

STATUTORY CRIME & DISORDER COMMITTEE**GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**

Text to be deleted underlined, text to be inserted in italics:

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Committee –

DELETE:

2.1 Recommends to Full Council that the Environment & Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee ('ECSOSC') be designated the Council's statutory Crime and Disorder Committee.

2.2 Agrees to recommend to Full Council the protocol at Appendix 1, governing the interface between the Community Safety Forum ('the Forum') and ECSOSC.

2.3 Agrees to recommend that the Chair of ECSOSC (being the Chair also of the Crime and Disorder Committee) become a member of the Forum.

2.4 Authorises the Head of Law to put these arrangements into effect, following Full Council approval, including any necessary amendments to the Council's constitution

INSERT:

2.1 Recommends to Full Council the creation of a new overview and scrutiny committee to perform the functions of the CDC, leaving an Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee to concern itself purely with environmental matters; and refer all other crime and disorder matters to the Forum, as outlined in Option 2.

2.5 Instructs the Head of Law to monitor the effectiveness of the arrangements implemented under 2.1 **DELETE** and 2.2 above and, if appropriate, to submit a report to the Governance Committee, as part of the Council's 12-month review of the constitution, on any changes considered necessary.

Proposed by: Cllr Ben Duncan

Seconded by: Cllr Amy Kennedy

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NOTICE OF MOTION

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING, COUNCIL SERVICES AND LOCAL ACTION TEAMS (LATs)

Add to the end of point 2 – *and that each LAT should have the autonomy to fix its own remit and to work together with other community organisations.*

New point 6 – *To provide proactive publicity for LATs on the council website and publications to encourage a greater involvement from the community.*

“This Council

Notes

1. That Sussex Police has adopted ‘Neighbourhood Policing’ as one of its three key priorities – and that the force’s Local Policing Plan commits officers to working with communities across the city to help achieve its neighbourhood policing goals of (a) being visible and accountable, and (b) providing a quality response.
2. That a number of Local Action Teams (LATs) have either come into existence – or begun operating in place of a previously existing community group – to facilitate this.

Welcomes

1. The fact that Sussex Police have pledged to engage fully with LATs
2. The formation of LATs – and the work that communities and members of this council have done and continue to do to allow them to function effectively
3. The community-led, genuinely democratic, non party-political nature of LATs
4. The fact that many LATs have decided to broaden their remit into areas outside the scope of policing and this council's community safety team to include other matters relating to community safety: *inter alia*, licensing, planning, refuse collection and traffic problems and road safety.
5. The engagement of officers of this authority with LAT meetings to answer residents’ questions about service delivery

Resolves

1. To ask the Cabinet to recognise LATs as community groups – and their reasonable requests and pronouncements as representing the community or neighbourhood covered by the LAT concerned,
2. To ask the Cabinet to recognise the independence of LATS from the City Council, ***and that each LAT should have the autonomy to fix its own remit and to work together with other community organisations,***
3. To ask Cabinet to consider ways this council could support LATS; through either financial support, administrative assistance or help establishing any co-ordinating group which may be proposed by the LATS themselves,
4. To support the principle that Cabinet Members should attend LAT meetings as requested and where possible, to allow more challenging questions relating to the resourcing and political direction of the council to be asked than is appropriate to expect employees to face,
5. To ask the Acting Chief Executive to write to the Chief Constable of Sussex, Martin Richards QPM, congratulating him on his commitment to neighbourhood policing and his officers' and PCSOs' pledges to attend future LAT meetings.
6. ***To ask the Cabinet to consider whether to provide proactive publicity for LATs on the council website and publications to encourage a greater involvement from the community."***

Proposed by Cllr Warren Morgan

Seconded by Cllr Les Hamilton

NOTICE OF MOTION**CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT****NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING, COUNCIL SERVICES AND LOCAL ACTION TEAMS (LATs)**

Insert text shown in bold italics and delete text crossed out:

“This Council

Notes

1. That Sussex Police has adopted ‘Neighbourhood Policing’ as one of its three key priorities – and that the force’s Local Policing Plan commits officers to working with communities across the city to help achieve its neighbourhood policing goals of (a) being visible and accountable, and (b) providing a quality response.
2. That a number of Local Action Teams (LATs) have either come into existence – or begun operating in place of a previously existing community group – to facilitate this.
3. ***The fact that many LATs have decided to broaden their remit into areas outside the scope of policing and this council's community safety team to include other matters relating to community safety: inter alia, licensing, planning, refuse collection and traffic problems and road safety.***
4. ***The engagement of officers of this authority with LAT meetings to answer residents’ questions about service delivery***

Welcomes

1. The fact that Sussex Police have pledged to engage fully with LATs
2. The formation of LATs – and the work that communities and members of this council have done and continue to do to allow them to function effectively
3. The community-led, genuinely democratic, non party-political nature of LATs
4. ~~The fact that many LATs have decided to broaden their remit into areas outside the scope of policing and this council's community safety team to include other matters relating to community safety: *inter alia*, licensing, planning, refuse collection and traffic problems and road safety.~~

- ~~5. The engagement of officers of this authority with LAT meetings to answer residents' questions about service delivery~~

Resolves

1. To ask the Cabinet to ~~recognise LATs as community groups—and their reasonable requests and pronouncements as representing the community or neighbourhood covered by the LAT concerned,~~ **acknowledge the work of LATS in reflecting the views of communities and neighbourhoods represented by them.**
2. To ask the Cabinet to recognise the independence of LATS from the City Council,
3. **To ask that the Cabinet Member responsible for community safety considers working with the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership to identify ways of supporting LATS;** ~~To ask Cabinet to consider ways this council could support LATS; through either financial support, administrative assistance or help establishing any co-ordinating group which may be proposed by the LATS themselves;~~

~~—To support the principle that Cabinet Members should attend LAT meetings as requested and where possible, to allow more challenging questions relating to the resourcing and political direction of the council to be asked than is appropriate to expect employees to face;~~
4. To ask the Acting Chief Executive to write to the Chief Constable of Sussex, Martin Richards QPM, congratulating him on his commitment to neighbourhood policing and his officers' and PCSOs' pledges to attend future LAT meetings.

Proposed by Cllr Dee Simson

Seconded by Cllr Ted Kemble

NOTICE OF MOTION**GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT****ELECTRICITY INTERNET**

Delete text as shown crossed out and add text as shown in bold italics:

“This Council notes that the Conservative Party has recently issued a green paper - The Low Carbon Economy – Security, Stability and Growth – which ~~sets out~~ ***borrow*** ***Green Party*** proposals to create an electricity internet. An electricity internet has the potential to hugely improve the efficiency of electricity generation and consumption and to help unlock large-scale use of renewable energy in Brighton & Hove in particular and the UK in general.

This Council notes that the fundamental architecture of the generation and consumption of electricity in the UK has changed little since the National Grid was first established in the 1930s, and is based on a centralised system of command and control. There is little scope to intelligently balance capacity and demand and around two thirds of energy used in large, centralised power stations never reaches the consumer.

The proposals contained in the paper seek to address these long-standing problems through:

- transforming electricity networks with ‘smart grid’ and ‘smart meter’ technology so that the use of electricity for a wide range of household and workplace appliances can be tailored automatically to match the supply
- creating a decentralised micro-generation energy revolution by introducing a system of ‘feed in tariffs’ for electricity generation as has occurred in countries such as Germany
- vastly expanding the amount of offshore wind and marine power by incentivising the construction of a new network of under-sea Direct Current cables
- incentivising electricity network operators to establish a new national recharging network for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles

This Council notes that the Conservative Party paper fails to explain how these policies would be implemented. The Conservative Government’s privatisation of the electricity supply system has left their proposals at the mercy of the shareholders of the National Grid and energy supply companies. Plans for smart metering in the UK have been bogged down in arguments between the regulator, Ofgem, and the big six energy suppliers for almost five years.

This Council further notes that the Conservative Party paper fails to set out the costs of these policies or explain how they would be paid for. It is crucial that

these proposals be funded fairly, and not by loading additional, disproportionate costs onto the energy bills of the poorest.

This Council believes that a transformation on this scale would, ***depending on how it is implemented and financed***, benefit

- (i) the consumers of Brighton & Hove, through lowering energy bills and giving them the capacity to generate and sell electricity;
- (ii) the global climate, by reducing carbon emissions;
- (iii) the U.K. population as a whole by enhancing energy security.

Furthermore, this Council believes that the electricity internet proposals would be very popular in Brighton & Hove given the significant local interest there is in the conservation of natural resources.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

- ~~endorse the proposals laid out in The Low Carbon Economy – Security, Stability and Growth~~ – to create a decentralised electricity internet ***grid***.
- Instruct the Acting Chief Executive to write to the Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change – Greg Clark MP - the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change – Ed Miliband MP - and the City's 3 MPs confirming the Council's support for an ***smart, decentralised*** electricity internet ***grid*** and a local energy revolution, ***and asking Mr Clark to set out how he sees these policies being implemented in today's privatised energy markets and paid for in a fair way.***
- Ask the Lead Member for Sustainability to examine possible sources of funding which could enable local residents to benefit from an electricity internet in the future."

Proposed by: Cllr. Paul Steedman

Seconded by: Cllr. Vicky Wakefield-Jarrett

NOTICE OF MOTION**LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT****FINANCIAL SERVICES**

To insert the text at point 2 shown in bold italics:

“This council welcomes the support that Brighton and Hove City Council is giving to the East Sussex Credit Union.

It also notes that:

- Two million people in the UK do not have bank accounts
- Three million people do not have access to conventional credit and depend on licensed sub-prime market lenders, many of whom operate on the doorstep
- On average those who borrow from doorstep lenders pay £65 in interest for every £100 they borrow
- Consumers on low incomes are hit hardest by the recession as credit dries up
- Formal lending had dropped by 60 per cent since the recession began.

It therefore calls on the council’s Acting Chief Executive to write to Alistair Darling, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lord Mandleson, Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, urging them to:

1. Use the Government’s stake in high street banks to make loans and other financial services available from conventional sources to those on lower incomes,
2. Give more support to credit unions, the Post Office and community finance initiatives to make financial services available to those on lower incomes, ***whilst recognising the £38 million investment for 2008-11 from the Government and the extra £18.75 million investment to the Growth Fund, announced in the most recent budget, which will enable lenders to make an additional 85,000 loans to the financially excluded by 2011.***
3. Cap the interest rates charged by doorstep and other sub-prime market lenders in line with many EU countries, US states, Canada and Australia.

Proposed by: Cllr. Kevin Allen

Seconded by: Cllr. Pat Hawkes

NOTICE OF MOTION**CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT****SUPPORT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMMES IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE**

Insert text in bold italics and delete text crossed out:

~~“The number of people completing apprenticeships in England has risen from 50,000 to 112,000 in the last 4 years, due to the Government’s rapid expansion of apprenticeships.~~

~~Brighton and Hove has seen some of the biggest increases in the numbers of completed apprenticeships in the country. Apprenticeships in Hove alone have increased by over 500%.~~

Nationally, over 130,000 employers now offer apprenticeships across 80 different industry sectors including retail, manufacturing and the public sector and it is widely recognised that apprenticeships offer a valuable and worthwhile contribution to business, especially during an economic downturn.

This Council notes

- £140m has been made available to fund a further 35,000 apprenticeship places in 2009/10 with 21,000 of these will be in the public sector, across the country.
- Local Authorities like Kent CC, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and Warwickshire have benefitted from apprenticeships.
- The Government is supporting a construction clearing house to help keep apprentices who fear losing their jobs employed and in training.

This Council actively supports the possible advantages and benefits of entering in to an apprenticeship programme. ***In October 2008, the Council’s Apprenticeship Programme was moved to the Local Employment & Opportunities Team and since then, 21 new apprenticeships have been created in the authority. This represents a significant expansion of the Council’s programme. Furthermore, a dedicated Apprenticeship Officer was employed in January 2009, and in February 2009 the first citywide apprenticeship strategy event was held bringing together local stakeholders.***

~~This Council requests that the Acting Chief Executive complete the online enquiry form at <https://apprenticeships.broadsystem.com/EmployerEnquiryForm.aspx> to get free information and advice on how the council could benefit more from apprenticeships and how best to promote apprenticeships across the city, amongst local businesses.~~

This Council requests that Cabinet members consider the following;

- ***Continuing the current programme of work to develop the Council's Apprenticeship Programme and Local Employment Partnership still further and updating the Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills on our progress in this regard.***
- Using the Council's positive influence on more local businesses to encourage the take up of apprenticeship schemes.
- Providing citywide information on the council's website about apprenticeships available in Brighton and Hove.
- ~~Expanding its own apprenticeship programme within the Council and increasing the numbers of apprentices within the Local Authority."~~

Proposed by Cllr Ayas Fallon-Khan

Seconded by Cllr Ted Kemble