

29 November 2012

This record relates to Agenda Item 85

## **RECORD OF POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE DECISION**

**SUBJECT:** DRAFT SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

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### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That the Sustainability Action Plan at Appendix 1 to the report be approved as a draft for further development between 1 December 2012 and 7 February 2013; and
- (2) That the Strategic Director; Place be instructed to:-
  - (i) to revise the draft Sustainability Action Plan in response to the development phase referred to in 2.1;
  - (ii) to seek approval from Policy & Resources Committee and the city's Public Service Board in early 2013 for the revised draft to be implemented; and
  - (iii) on obtaining such approval, to submit it to BioRegional for independent assessment, with a view to the council and the city being endorsed as a 'One Planet City'.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of April 19, 2012 RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cabinet authorises the Strategic Director responsible for Resources to develop a Sustainability Action Plan, as specified in paragraphs 3.8 and 3.13 of the report, that sets out the work required to seek endorsement for Brighton & Hove City Council as a One Planet Council; and
- (2) That the Strategic Director; Resources, be instructed to submit a follow-up report at the appropriate time and to the relevant council decision-making forum, seeking approval for the Sustainability Action Plan against which the endorsement decision (referred to in recommendation 1 above) will be taken.

It is proposed that (2) is dealt with once consultation on the draft plan is complete.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

Adopt the principles without going for endorsement – this would mean the council would not have external independent assessment and endorsement for its approach and that quality assurance, nor access to BioRegional's experience and networks; the council could not call itself a One Planet Living council or use the main branding for this. The opportunities set out above would not be realised.

The council could adopt a different framework or operating model for sustainability, most obviously "Natural Step" – but this is much more scientific in approach and less engaging.

**Proper Officer:**

Date: 30/11/2012

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

**Signed:**

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**CALL-IN FOR SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the meeting at which the decision was taken subject to:

- (i) any requirement for earlier implementation of the decision or,
- (ii) the decision being called in for review by 5 Members from two or more Groups represented on the Council.

