

**Brighton & Hove City Council**

**Policy & Resources Committee**

**4.00pm 27 January 2022**

**Hove Town Hall - Council Chamber**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Councillor Mac Cafferty (Chair) Druitt (Joint Deputy Chair), Gibson (Joint Deputy Chair), Allcock (Joint Opposition Spokesperson), Bell (Group Spokesperson), Clare, Evans, Yates, Mears and Platts

**Other Members present:** Councillors

**Part One**

**85 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**(a) Declarations of Substitutes**

85.1 Councillor Mears was present in substitution for Councillor Miller.  
Councillor Platts was present in substitution for Councillor Appich

**(b) Declarations of Interest**

85.2 Councillor Druitt declared a pecuniary interest in Item 99, Valley Gardens Phase 3. He was a local bus operator and there were improvements in the scheme which would be beneficial for bus operators. He confirmed that he had applied for dispensation to speak and vote on that item and that had been agreed by the Monitoring Officer.

**(c) Exclusion of Press and Public**

85.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any of the items listed on the agenda.

85.4 **RESOLVED:** That there were no part two items on the agenda and therefore the press and public would not be excluded from the meeting.

**86 MINUTES**

86.1 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 2 December 2021 were agreed as a correct record of the proceedings.

**87 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

87.1 The Chair gave the following communication:

Today is Holocaust Memorial Day and can I ask that we all take a moment to commemorate this important day today. We must heed Antonio Gramsci's warning that history teaches but it has no pupils. The council is supporting the Brighton & Hove Holocaust Education Project in commemorating this year's event. For the second year this event will be entirely online, joining communities around the UK as they observe the National Day of Awareness and reflection. A special one-hour programme will be live-streamed courtesy of Latest TV at 2pm and 6pm today on the station's website. It will be available for schools and the general public for immediate access. Educational content will be available online for schools and colleges. Participants will include members of the Brighton & Hove Jewish community, city councillors, Sussex Police, Brighton & Hove High School, Sussex University and special guests. The event is open to everyone. Simply watch Latest TV or click on the Latest TV website at [thelatest.co.uk](http://thelatest.co.uk) to access the live stream and for further information. Latest TV's Yael Breuer will conduct interviews with Holocaust survivors and share stories and tributes from communal and public officials under the rubric of this year's HMD theme, 'One Day.' There were many ways to look at this; we have one day we put aside to remember the holocaust and other genocides that have followed; but also, that we should all strive, hope, and take action for one day in the future with no genocide, where people are free to be themselves. At 8pm residents are also encouraged to join worldwide commemorations with the Holocaust Memorial Day trust, asking all those who can to join in lighting the darkness, with a candle to help remember those who were murdered for who they were and to stand against prejudice and hatred today and every day. We won't tolerate hate in Brighton & Hove, and I'm proud to lead a diverse and inclusive city fighting hate every day. We continue to work collaboratively with our community groups bringing people together, building tolerance and standing against hate wherever we find it.

We have a number of important reports on the agenda today. I would remind colleagues that whilst Covid rates going down so is testing, and we still though have a rate of 889.2 per 100k residents as of last count. We need to take the health of ourselves and staff extremely seriously. As you know this includes continuing to wear our masks and do all we can to keep each other safe. Of course, I want all to be able to discuss items on our agenda today but in consideration for each other let's be mindful of the Covid situation and where possible encourage others to keep contributions short so we can reduce exposure risk over time.

I'd like to make everyone aware that once again there will be ample availability of walk-in vaccination options across the city. There's no need to book, just turn up and there shouldn't be much of a wait in many cases. New sessions are added each week. Please check the Sussex Health & Care Partnership website for the latest list of times and dates. If you or someone you know has a Learning Disability and would benefit from a quiet space and more time to get their COVID-19 vaccination, call 0300 303 8060 to book a place at our special session on Saturday 29 January at the Brighthelm Centre in Brighton.

## 88 CALL OVER

88.1 The following items on the agenda were reserved for discussion:

Item 93 Annual Waiver Report  
Item 95 Life Events Fees and Charges  
Item 96 Refuse Vehicle Procurement  
Item 97 Arrangements for Council Meetings  
Item 99 Valley Gardens Phase 3

88.2 The following items on the agenda were agreed without discussion:

Item 91 Council Tax Base 2022/23  
Item 92 Business Rates Retention Forecast 2022/23  
Item 98 Officer Delegations

## **89 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

(a) Petitions

89.1 There were no petitions

(b) Written Questions

89.2 There were no Written Questions

(c) Deputations

89.3 The Committee considered the Deputation on Council Finances which was presented at the Public Engagement Meeting held on 16 December 2021 by Laura King.

89.4 **RESOLVED:** That the Deputation be noted.

## **90 MEMBER INVOLVEMENT**

Petitions

90.1 There were no petitions

Written Questions

90.2 There were two Written Questions

90.1 Councillor Fishleigh asked the following question:

The planning application for the Gasworks site is now in. Has the council now decided what it is going to do with the plots of council-owned land to the north and south of the site?

90.2 The Chair gave the following response:

There has, as yet been no decision on the future of these plots of land. Any future decisions will be made at the Policy & Resources Committee

90.3 Councillor Fishleigh asked the following supplementary question:

Have you actually got a plan and can't say publicly or is it not a priority for the Council?

90.4 The Chair gave the following response:

The Council needed to see the planning application which was coming forward and see what we were going to do with the land around it. A planning application has now been submitted and will go to the Planning Committee. I'm happy to ask officers to communicate with you on what has been proposed before, and there have been a number of proposals suggested, which have not been carried forward successfully.

90.5 Councillor Fishleigh asked the following question:

What is the status of the phase 2 development brief for Black Rock?

90.6 The Chair gave the following response:

The Black Rock project is currently focused on the delivery of the phase 1 works and officers are also producing a Master Plan for the wider Eastern Seafront. The Development Brief for Black Rock phase 2 will be developed following this work and involve engagement with key stakeholders. I understand that you have attended both the Black Rock working group and the Madeira Terrace working group to raise your questions and concerns. A key part of the conversation with the Local Economic Partnership (LEP) a number of years ago, was that the economic output on the Black Rock site wasn't clear and the funding from the LEP would be delivered on the basis that there was an economic output there. The Council were following this keenly as it was something which we wanted to get right.

90.7 Councillor Fishleigh asked the following supplementary question:

Who is actually writing the brief and what is on their to-do list which is more important?

90.8 The Chair gave the following response:

As I said before the development for Black Rock needs to be done with the engagement of key stakeholders not least our key partners like the Local Economic Partnership and your own residents. This is not something which you'd want to be doing in a rush but in a deliberated way and to include as many people as possible in the discussions. With regard to the timeline, you will understand that that has been affected by the pandemic.

Letters

90.9 There were no Letters

Notices of Motion

90.10 There were two Notices of Motion

- 90.11 The first Notice of Motion was on Automated External Defibrillators in Outdoor Spaces. The Chair asked Councillor Platts to propose the Notice of Motion.
- 90.12 Councillor Platts said the Notice of Motion was to increase the number of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) available for public use in the city. Sudden cardiac arrests meant that there were only minutes to act to save a life. A heart attack could happen at any age at any time and to people without any pre-existing medical conditions. If a sudden cardiac arrest happened, with the right equipment to hand a life could be saved. Due to Covid people had been working hard to stay fit and healthy, with many events such as Park Run taking place. Taking exercise outside was good for both mental and physical wellbeing, and something the Council should be encouraging. I am involved in arranging the Park Runs, and one of the requirements was that an AED was available, and one had been provided by the Sussex Heart Charity. That AED had been fixed to the wall of the café so was always available for the public. Residents on the Bristol Estate had recently raised money for an AED in their community. The Sussex Heart Charity had recently installed an AED in memory of a Kemptown resident who died of a cardiac arrest in 2019, and she wanted to thank them and everyone who had raised money to install life saving devices across the city. There should be an AED in all parks and open spaces owned by the Council. The Welsh government had committed to fund more AEDs if they're registered on The Circuit which was a national defibrillator network, and the ambulance service would direct you to the nearest one if you dialled 999. The Council could work with the South East Coast Ambulance Service who would be able to assist with identifying the best locations for AEDs. The latest AED devices could be used with no training. This Motion called on the Council to publish a report outlining how the it might work with local organisations to provide AEDs in outdoor spaces.
- 90.13 Councillor Gibson formally seconded the Notice of Motion.
- 90.14 Councillor Bell noted that there were currently 7.4 million people in the country with a circulatory disease or heart condition, and if they had an attack the survival rate without a defibrillator was approximately only one in ten. If an AED was used within 6 – 9.5 minutes there was a 90% chance of keeping the heart beating until professional help arrived. He formally seconded the Motion.
- 90.15 The Chair said that early intervention was crucial, and he would be very happy to support the Motion.
- 90.16 Dr Biswas Sasidharan welcomed the Notice of Motion
- 90.17 **RESOLVED:** The Committee agreed to undertake the actions as set out in the Notice of Motion.
- 90.18 The second Notice of Motion was on Restore Council Services. This had been due to be considered at the cancelled Council meeting being held in December and so the reference to a Council meeting being held in February had been changed to April. A composite amendment to the Motion had been submitted by the Green and Labour Groups in replacement for the two separate amendments submitted earlier by the two Groups. The Chair asked Councillor Mears to propose the Notice of Motion.

- 90.19 Councillor Mears said that she, and many other councillors, had received emails from residents who were concerned that they couldn't access Council services. It shouldn't matter if staff were working from home or in the office if the services were still being provided. However, there was concern that telephone calls and emails were not being answered and so the Council were not delivering the services to the residents. Within Housing the latest figures showed that there were 284 empty properties and there was a backlog of 8,800 repairs. Working from home was not actually delivering the service to residents who had paid for that through their rent or council tax. The staff based at Brighton Town Hall who dealt with marriages and deaths, had worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic providing a face-to-face service and they should be congratulated, but other departments were not providing the level of service residents expected and the reputation of the Council was quite dismal, and residents did not have any confidence in services they couldn't access.
- 90.20 Councillor Bell formally seconded the Motion and reserved his right to reply.
- 90.21 The Chair asked the Committee if they agreed to accept the composite amended in place of the two separate amendments. The Committee agreed. The Chair asked Councillor Evans to propose the amendment.
- 90.22 Councillor Evans agreed with Councillor Mears that many members had received emails from residents who were unhappy with some services provided by the Council and agreed that those issues needed to be addressed. However, it should be accepted that there we were in a pandemic and staff were also suffering, and the amendment was needed to reflect on the realities of the current situation.
- 90.23 Councillor Clare noted that customer experiences had never been perfect and many of the current complaints were the same as raised pre-pandemic. Whilst that was a concern, all the current issues can't be simply pandemic related and that fact that officers were working from home. Staff were under pressure, as under budget cuts many jobs had been cut and that meant that services could not be delivered in a perfect way. Councillors do receive reports on performance and that was monitored by committees. There were a number of complex reasons why complaints were occurring, which included insufficient levels of staff. That meant that there were not enough officers to be able to deliver an in-person, phone and digital services at the same time, and so the council were looking at different ways to deliver those services. We know from surveys that residents value digital services to others, but the Council also had to ensure that there were other ways to access services. Councillor Clare formally seconded the amendment.
- 90.24 Councillor Gibson referred to Councillor Mears comments on the backlog of housing repairs and the number of empty properties and said that number was being monitored by the Housing Committee, and it was a priority to return to pre-pandemic levels.
- 90.25 Dr Biswas Sasidharan understood that the Council's funding had been reduced by around £100m over 10 years, which had created inevitable challenges. It would be helpful to have a Covid 19 recovery plan with an economic strategy on recovery re-growth diversification, inequality and environmental issues whilst looking at inequality and how the Council could work in partnership with the community and voluntary sector.

- 90.26 Councillor Allcock said that whilst he applauded the Council's efforts to streamline services such as parking and council tax but said it was necessary to facilitate the whole community and understand the needs of everyone and hoped that would be addressed in the plan.
- 90.27 Councillor Bell said that many residents couldn't access digital services, and it was important that we got back to supporting residents and enable the public to access services at Hove Town. The Council should look at how it can help those who need it the most. The Chair said that he would ensure the plan would do that.
- 90.28 Councillor Mears suggested that it would be helpful if notices could be placed at the Town Halls to explain what why the offices were closed and how they could access services.
- 90.29 The Committee voted on the amendment, and it was agreed.
- 90.30 **RESOLVED:** The Committee agreed to undertake the actions as set out in the amended Notice of Motion.

## 91 COUNCIL TAX BASE 2022/23

91.1 This item was agreed without discussion.

### 91.2 **RESOLVED:** That Committee –

- (i) Agreed the calculation of the Council's tax base for the year 2022/23 including proposed changes to the CTR scheme;
- (ii) Noted the collection rate assumed is 98.75%;
- (iii) Agreed that in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amounts calculated by Brighton & Hove City Council as its council tax base for the year 2022/23 shall be as follows:
  - 1. Brighton and Hove in whole – 91,204.0 (detail in appendix 1)
  - 2. Royal Crescent Enclosure Committee – 29.7 (detail in appendix 2)
  - 3. Hanover Crescent Enclosure Committee – 41.2 (detail in appendix 2)
  - 4. Marine Square Enclosure Committee – 69.9 (detail in appendix 2)
  - 5. Parish of Rottingdean – 1,600.7 (detail in appendix 2)
- (iv) Agreed that for the purposes of Section 35(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the expenses of meeting the special levies issued to the council by the Enclosure Committees shall be its special expenses;
- (v) Agreed that the Enclosure Committees and Rottingdean Parish are paid the required Council Tax Reduction Grant of c£4,000 in total, to ensure they are no better or no worse off as a result of the introduction of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.13.

## 92 BUSINESS RATES RETENTION FORECAST 2022/23

92.1 This item was agreed without discussion.

92.2 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee –

- (i) Noted that the amount forecast to be received by the council in 2022/23 from its share of local business rates and section 31 Local Government Act 2003 compensation grants is £71.432m, based on the latest data;
- (ii) Delegated the agreement of the final business rates forecast and the NNDR1 2021/22 form to the Chief Finance Officer following consultation with the Chair of this Committee for the reasons given in paragraph 1.2.

### 93 ANNUAL WAIVER REPORT

93.1 The Committee considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer regarding the Council's Contract Standing Orders. The report was introduced by the Head of Procurement.

93.2 Councillor Allcock noted that CP354 Sustrans Bike IT Officer had not been authorised. The Head of Procurement said that item had been authorised by the Executive Director Economy, Environment and Culture at the start of the pandemic and had been done by email and so had not been pulled up when the document had been produced.

93.3 Dr Biswas Sasidharan asked what percentage of the waivers were extensions to contracts, and noted that contracts under £75k did not require Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) and asked what mechanisms were in place to ensure equity of access. The Head of Procurement said that he did not have the percentage with him but would provide after the meeting. With regard to the EIAs, all tenders had equality questions as part of the process, and since October those responses were now being monitored for contracts over £25k.

93.4 **RESOLVED:** That the number and value of waivers authorised pursuant to Contract Standing Order 20 during the financial year 2020/21 be noted.

### 94 PROCUREMENT OF ARBORICULTURAL SERVICES

94.1 This item was agreed without discussion.

94.2 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee –

- (i) Approved the procurement of a Services Contract for Arboricultural Services (taking the form of two (2) separate lots) for a contract term of three (3) years with the option exercisable by the council to extend for 1 or more periods up to a maximum total extension period of two (2) years;
- (ii) Granted delegated authority to the Executive Director - Economy Environment & Culture

1. To carry out the procurement of the Services Contract referred to in 2.1 above including the award and letting of the Services Contract;
2. To grant an extension to the Services Contract referred to in 2.1 above for 1 or more periods up to a maximum total extension period of two (2) years.

## **95 LIFE EVENTS FEES AND CHARGES REVIEW FOR REGISTRATION SERVICES AND LOCAL LAND CHARGES 2022/23**

- 95.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director Governance People & Resources which set out the proposed fees and charges for the financial year 2021/22 for the Registration Services and Local Land Charges within Life Events in Governance, People & Resources.
- 95.2 Councillor Yates asked why the price of confetti had been reduced. The Head of Life Events said that it was felt that the current price was too high and reducing that would increase sales.
- 95.3 Councillor Mears noted that the capacity of Brighton Town Hall Council Chamber was given as 120 people and 64 people if there were to be social distancing and asked the Chair why therefore the number of Councillors attending meetings in the same room were being limited. The Executive Director Governance People & Resources said that risk assessments were produced for both events, and wedding ceremonies tended to last for around 30 minutes whereas Council meetings lasted for around 7-8 hours with many people talking. At Council meetings there would also be officers, press etc in attendance in addition to the Councillors.
- 95.4 Councillor Allcock said that this city was unique with great venues and asked if officers had considered using external consultants who could advise on how to promote what the city could offer for holding weddings. The Executive Director Governance People & Resources said that officers did look at ways to promote the venues but would be happy to look at other proposals.
- 95.5 Councillor Yates said that we needed to maximise the prices and given what the city could offer it could be higher, and maybe consideration given to adding a surcharge to non-residents or a discount for residents.
- 95.6 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee approved the fees and charges as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

## **96 REFUSE VEHICLE PROCUREMENT - 5 YEAR LEASING ARRANGEMENT**

- 96.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director Economy, Environment & Culture which sought permission to lease five Twinpack Vehicles over a five year period. The report was introduced by the Assistant Director, City Environmental Management and the Head of Fleet Management.
- 96.2 Councillor Platts was concerned that this matter had not been to the Procurement Advisory Board (PAB). And asked the following questions: Will the vehicles have to be handed back at the end of the contract and if so will there be any money back; will the lease company maintain the vehicles; are the vehicles new or demonstration; would the

lease prevent the Council accessing government grants; what was the valuation for the existing vehicles and who undertook that; within the five years would the council start purchasing vehicles as set out in the fleet strategy or would there be a new strategy; was there just one provider; why was there currently a high demand for vehicles; why say that diesel fuel is more efficient and what would the impact be on the carbon neutral policy? The Assistant Director, City Environmental Management apologised that it had not gone to PAB but that was due to timeframes and the urgency of this matter. The Head of Fleet Management provided the following responses to the questions: at the end of the lease agreement there would be an option to buy the vehicles, but the Council would not do that as they were phasing those vehicles out for a number of reasons such as the National Waste Strategy; the Council would maintain the vehicles and charge the company back; initially there would be two would be new vehicles and the others two years old but those would be replaced with new vehicles in June 2022; leasing the vehicles would not impact on accessing grants; the vehicles were valued by an auction house at a minimum of £20k and that would be the reserve price; the Fleet Strategy was not being changed, but it was not economical to repair some of the current vehicles nor to purchase new vehicles which were being phased out in five years; there were a number of providers but only one who had vehicles available now; The Euro 6 vehicle was 20% more efficient than the Euro 5 and inefficiency impacted on the carbon neutrality.

96.3 The Assistant Director, City Environmental Management said that there were no plans to amend the Fleet Strategy, this was an interim measure to deal with a particular problem but confirmed that the matter would come to Committee if there were.

96.4 Councillor Druitt said that using diesel vehicles was not something he wanted but was the only option to ensure a reliable fleet of vehicles.

**96.5 RESOLVED:** That Committee delegated authority to the Executive Director of Environment, Economy and Culture to enter into a leasing contract for the hire of five Twinpack Recycling Vehicles for a period of five years, up to the value of £1.5m.

## **97 ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNCIL AND MEETINGS**

97.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director Governance People and Resources which proposed arrangements for holding Council and Committee meetings during the pandemic to minimise the risk to the public, Members and officers.

97.2 The Committee noted the Officer Amendment to the report and to Recommendation 2.2.

97.3 Councillor Bell noted that in earlier discussions Group Leaders had been discussing limiting the attendance at Council to 40 Members (Option B) and asked why Recommendation 2.2 had been amended to remove that option. The Executive Director Governance People and Resources said that the amendment reflected the majority view of the Group Leaders, and if he wished he could propose an amendment to the recommendations.

97.4 Councillor Allcock said that we were still in the pandemic and the number of positive cases in the city was still rising. It was important to ensure that the democratic process continued with the appropriate level of scrutiny being undertaken, and that Council services were delivered as effectively as possible. Councillors also needed to be

responsible for those they worked with including officers and Councillors some of whom were more vulnerable. Elected Councillors needed to lead by example and take a proactive public role in health and safety. The proposals in the report were constructive and would enable more thorough discussion, particularly at Committee level, where the venue would be less crowded and so people would be better protected. He noted that these proposals would be reviewed shortly and suggested that when they were, consideration be given to Written Questions submitted by Councillors for Committees be taken as read rather than having Members attend meetings to read them orally.

97.5 Councillor Mears agreed with Councillor Allcock that councillors needed to lead by example, and therefore ensure that they were not different from the rest of the city, and noted that NHS workers, bus drivers, shop workers etc were still working. She accepted that some Members may be more vulnerable, but the Council needed to be part of the bigger picture for the economy and businesses wanted the city to open up and Councillors should be part of that.

97.6 Councillor Clare said that we were still in the pandemic and Councillors needed to be part of the bigger picture to show that they were concerned about the health of vulnerable people. Councillors had no option but to attend meetings in person, and there had been occasions where a Member had attended a meeting and later found they were positive, which had put others at risk.

97.7 Councillor Evans said that these proposals were to protect people by reducing the number of people at meetings, which was the responsible thing to do.

97.8 Councillor Yates said that he was clinically vulnerable and the thought of attending a meeting with a large number of people concerned him. It was important for Councillors to consider the risks of attending meetings during the pandemic and the proposals put forward by officers provided a solution.

97.9 Dr Biswas-Sasidharan said that as a co-optee she was able to attend the meeting remotely and was concerned that other members of the committee did not have that option and were putting themselves at risk.

97.10 The Committee voted on the recommendations (as amended), and 8 Members agreed and 2 Members (Conservative Group) voted against.

**97.11 RESOLVED:** That the Committee –

- (i) Agreed the proposals set out in this report regarding arrangements for Council and committee meetings (except paragraph 3.11 dealing with attendance numbers) and recommends them to Council for approval;
- (ii) Agreed option A (14) regarding number of attendees at full Council meetings as set out in paragraph 3.12 and recommend them to full Council for approval.

## **98 OFFICER DELEGATIONS**

98.1 This item was agreed without discussion.

**98.2 RESOLVED:** That the Committee -

- (i) Agreed the arrangements for the implementation of enhanced officer delegated powers as set out at paragraph 3.4 of the report to take effect from the date of this meeting;
- (ii) Noted that the arrangements set out in recommendation 2.1 above will be kept under review and that a report will be brought back to Committee to consider whether the arrangements should be removed or extended in May 2022.

## 99 VALLEY GARDENS PHASE 3

- 99.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director Economy, Environment & Culture regarding Valley Gardens Phase 3. The report was introduced by the Assistant Director City Transport, and the Principal Transport Planner.
- 99.2 Councillor Platts reiterated that the Labour Group wanted to limit the speed between Edward Street and the Palace Pier to 20 mph, she noted that there was a pinch point in front of the Royal Pavilion for cyclists and pedestrians and asked that there be suitable signage to ensure it was clear who had priority, and asked if the Council could look at phasing of pedestrian crossings across that area. The Principal Transport Planner said that that the area in question currently had a speed limit of 20 mph, and there would continue to be safety audits to review speed and signage. The Assistant Director City Transport confirmed that the phasing of crossings would be looked at to ensure that wait times were not excessive. The Chair noted that the roundabout by the Palace Pier had been recorded as being one of the most dangerous in the country and so safety was very important.
- 99.3 Councillor Platts asked if the Council would be promoting the changes to the Highway Code. The Assistant Director City Transport said that there were important changes to the Highway Code, particularly for cyclists, and those changes would be communicated.
- 99.4 Councillor Mears disagreed that the roundabout was dangerous. When the Conservative Group were in the administration, they were looking to invest in a Traffic Simulator which could be laid over any development and it would check the traffic movement for pedestrians, cyclist, motor vehicles etc and assess the impact of any changes in that and the wider area, however the next administration decided not to purchase it. It would have been useful to show how changes to Valley Gardens may impact on the rest of the city. The Assistant Director City Transport said that the Council did look at purchasing Cumulative Impact Models, but they were expensive and so a local model was produced which had been used in all schemes. The Chair noted that the Department of Transport had listed the Aquarium Roundabout as the 16<sup>th</sup> most dangerous roundabout out of 6200 in the country.
- 99.5 The Committee voted and there were 8 votes for and 2 against, with the Conservative Group voting against.
- 99.6 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee approved capital borrowing of up to £5.0m to address estimated increased scheme costs arising from new Department for Transport design guidance; significant increases in construction costs and risk management; additional

infrastructure, including for sustainable transport and events as shown in Appendix 2 to the report.

**100 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL**

100.1 **RESOLVED:** That no items be referred to the next meeting of Council.

The meeting concluded at 6.45pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of