

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**4.30pm 21 JULY 2016**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRIGHTON TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors West (Chair), Marsh (Deputy Chair), Allen, Atkinson, Barford, Barnett, Bell, Bennett, Bewick, Brown, Cattell, Chapman, Cobb, Daniel, Deane, Druitt, Gibson, Gilbey, Greenbaum, Hamilton, Hyde, Hill, Horan, Inkpin-Leissner, Janio, Knight, Lewry, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Meadows, Mears, Miller, Mitchell, Moonan, Morgan, Morris, Nemeth, A Norman, K Norman, O'Quinn, Page, Peltzer Dunn, Penn, Phillips, Robins, Simson, Sykes, Taylor, C Theobald, G Theobald, Wares, Wealls and Yates.

**PART ONE**

**12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

12.1 No declarations of interests in matters appearing on the agenda were made.

**13 MINUTES**

13.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on the 24 March 2016 were approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

13.2 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the annual meeting held on the 12 May 2016 were approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

**14 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

14.1 The Mayor gave the following Communications:

“It is with great sadness that I share with you the news of the passing of Hilary Summerville former Councillor and Mayor of Brighton who served as Councillor for more than two decades from 1963. Can ask everyone to stand for a minutes silence as a mark of respect for a former Member?

I would like to offer the Council's congratulations to the city council parking team as Brighton & Hove City Council was declared overall winner at the parking annual awards by councils held at the houses of parliament on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> July. Brighton & Hove won the first annual report award 7 years ago and has been short listed every year since. The awards have been designed to reward, share and promote best practice in

local authority annual reporting nationwide. Can I ask members of the team to come forward along with Councillor Mitchell to collect the award and can I just add personally that this award received by the parking team follows one in March and I think this is an absolutely fantastic achievement that we should all be very proud of and grateful to our fantastic parking team.

These first two months have been pretty incredible and I have been delighted by the sheer number and variety of invitations I have received and the warmth of communities and other organisations. I'd like to take a couple of minutes now to let you know what I have been up to in my ambassadorial role as first citizen and to share with you my importantly some of the incredible things that your constituents have been doing. There has been a real mix from the formal tone of graduation ceremonies to running through bubbles for charity last weekend in Preston Park. I've been really touched by the dignity of the Filipino community which is a young community in our society. Who early on in May invited us along and I was really touched by the way that they are seeking inclusion in our society and recognition of the Mayor is incredibly important to them. I was royally entertained by the G-scene Golden Handbag Awards. The recent blue plaque unveiling that celebrated the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our first Jewish resident was both touching and celebratory as was a similar event at the India gate commemorating Mir Dast VC and many members turned up to those occasions. I've been pleased by the enthusiastic reaction of school children and overseas student to events in the parlour not least the Chinese students who were excited to learn of the three ghosts that haunt the town hall and I can tell you I took some translating to get all that across.

My 27 charities have responded with enthusiasm to the new way of working and whilst some have been happy to just use the name of the Mayor and title. Others are working on fund raising opportunities for later in the year. So please consider supporting them when the time comes and I am hoping to showcase many of them at our Christmas reception to which you will all be invited and will be taking place in the Brighthelm centre. The very first being organised is a sponsored walk, we haven't completely finalised it yet but if you can save the 18 September in your diaries. This week I have been celebrating an achievement of 3,500 graduates of the University of Sussex and having listened to the Vice Chancellor's speech I am very aware that 25% of Sussex students are from overseas and Sussex is 4<sup>th</sup> in the UK for research impact and brings £1/2 Billion into our local economy and is the second biggest employer. It is a significant institution for us and next week I will be attending the University of Brighton graduation. What I am very mindful of is these are now lifelong friends of this city as they go back to wherever they come from around the world and I hope all members are equally proud of the two universities, what they do and the students who attend them. I have enjoyed supporting communities across the city and most memorably I attended a 50 plus tea dance organised by the Hangleton and Knoll Project, I've been to Mile Oak Primary School to receive some Chinese exchange students who were making their first trip so far away from home. The Kemp Town Carnival was a fantastic occasion as was Abfest last weekend. The Patcham Flower festival where I met Councillors Theobald was a great and colourful occasion as part of the fringe festival. Stowman Farmers Market which I was invited to was a great early occasion; most recently I enjoyed cleaning up viaduct road with students from Sussex University which was a long overdue matter. I have been really enjoying the Bevey pub in Bevendean and if you are unfamiliar with that you really need to go and see that you really should go and see that project. They've built a community kitchen to help people learn the skills of cooking and I

enjoyed making pizza there but I also went along to see the lunch club which was celebrating the Queen's birthday and there were 50 members of the local community there having a great time. I've taken part in the Take Part festival in a number of places around the city that's our sport and physical activities festival. It's fantastic getting so many young people and through the ages active and one of the things I hadn't come across before is walking football and that's a brilliant new activity. Finally I had the delight of playing the female number one table tennis champion on national table tennis day and I actually managed to score a couple of points although I think she was taking it easy on me. On Sunday I abseiled down Peacehaven cliff and that was a scary thing to do I can tell you, I am still raising sponsorship for that and I have had a tremendous response so far and I am doing that for the Matlets. They have to bring in £11,000 every day to keep doing what they do. As many of you know I am endeavouring to post about my engagements and spread the good news of what wonderful people are up to. So if you want to follow and like the Mayor on Facebook and Twitter please do so, I think it's quite an interesting story of our communities that I'm able to tell in celebration.

Pride is coming up and the City's population will double for that day and this year we have Trans-Pride a fairly young which I hope many of us will be out to support. On a more sombre note there have been many occasions for us to reflect and remember recently not least the commemorations of the battle of the Somme the battle of Boars Head which involved men of Sussex and many people in Brighton and the battle of Jutland and also the recent tragedies which we have faced in Orlando and in Nice and I attended the Orlando vigil and I found that particularly moving. It was a unbelievable response and I have been very, very moved by the ways which our communities have responded across this period of time and I think that what they do is they offer a beacon of hope. That is a point of pride which we should all be wanting to share in."

## **15 TO RECEIVE PETITIONS AND E-PETITIONS.**

- 15.1 The Mayor invited the submission of petitions from Councillors and members of the public. He reminded the Council that petitions would be referred to the appropriate decision-making body without debate and the person presenting the petition would be invited to attend the meeting to which the petition was referred.
- 15.2 Councillor Mears presented a petition signed by 142 residents concerning Traffic Safety on the A259 around Marine Gate.

## **16 WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

- 16.1 The Mayor reported that two written questions had been received from members of the public and invited Christopher Hawtree to come forward and address the council.
- 16.2 Christopher Hawtree asked the following question; "Could Councillor Morgan Please tell us when work will commence in situ upon the reconfiguration of and improvements to the Valley Gardens and the envisaged completion date for this?"
- 16.3 Councillor Mitchell replied; "An independent modelling assessment has been carried out based on a now fully updated traffic model and Officers are looking at the model and results in more detail including aspects of the original scheme to ensure that proposals put forward will offer best possible solution for the city in terms of operational viability

and resilience of the transport network but also including the enhanced use of space for pedestrians and for cyclists.”

- 16.4 Christopher Hawtree asked the following supplementary question; “Can we be assured that the forthcoming closure of all of North Street for its vital reconstruction will not be used to delay the Valley Gardens work for which the previous administration secured national and LEP funding?”
- 16.5 Councillor Mitchell replied; “Southern Water have notified the Council that they do need to do some remedial works to their pipework in North Street. All of the works in the city including emergency work and planned works such as Valley Gardens will be carefully coordinated along with other development works such as the Royal Sussex County Hospital which will have its own traffic needs. It is not going to be at all easy but we are committed to mitigating the effects of these improvements to our city as far as it is possible.”
- 16.6 The Mayor thanked Christopher Hawtree for his questions and invited Nigel Furness to come forward and address the Council.
- 16.7 Nigel Furness asked the following question; “In line with the spirit of democracy expressed so clearly in the recent referendum on Britain’s leaving the European Union can you now tell me please when all flags of that foreign power will be removed from all public buildings.”
- 16.8 Councillor Morgan replied; “The Chief Executive will continue to consult with the Leader of the Council and opposition parties to plan the annual calendar of flag flying.”
- 16.9 Nigel Furness asked the following supplementary question; “Would he further enlighten us please as to these persistent rumours I’m continually hearing that he is now a fully paid up member of the People’s Republic of Brighton and Hove who wish to ‘brexit’ Brighton from Britain?”
- 16.10 Councillor Morgan declined to answer the supplementary question.
- 16.11 The Chair noted there were no other public questions.

## **17 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

- 17.1 The Mayor reported that two deputations had been received from members of the public and invited Stephen Roke as the spokesperson for the first deputation to come forward and address the Council.
- 17.2 Stephen Roke thanked the Mayor and stated that: “For the last few years now the traffic issues in Woodingdean have raised many issues mostly exacerbated by the bus lane closures on the Lewes Road. Woodingdean has had increased pressure on its road thoroughfare at peak times in the morning and again from around 2:30pm when the children come home from school to the early evening drivers become very impatient, and have found ways to try and beat the queues this has created pressure points – notably Channel View Road – which for drivers coming from Brighton is a rat run used by 100s of cars coming into the village now. Drivers coming from Flamer on their way to

Rottingdean use the Bexhill Road rat run which allows them to bypass the cross roads and rush through the housing estate joining the Falmer Road at the far end of Woodingdean.

It won't be long now before a serious accident happens at either junction of Bexhill Road or at the school crossing on Warren Road where cars going south cut across the white chevrons in the middle road outside the primary school putting our children and lolly pop lady in danger as they rush to get on to the slip road to turn right to Rottingdean. Whenever there is a major event such as the vintage car or bike race the support vehicles are always routed through Woodingdean by the Council's yellow signage. It was therefore decided to hold a public meeting. We invited representatives of the Council, the NHS and the construction company Laing O'Rourke to discuss the traffic problems. 167 residents turned out to hear the speakers to learn how the city managers were going to manage the traffic flow through the village in the light of the additional 80+ heavy trucks, support vans and light commercial vehicles and staff cars which would be passing twice a day now through the village.

They also turned out to find out way the decision to change the agreed routes of the A23 and A270 was made without any consultation, we never received an answer to that question. There will now be 200 extra-large and polluting vehicle trips though Woodingdean, which is worse than on a race meeting day, causing pollution and damage to our main single lane road, and between 10 and 2 this will turn existing hours of congestion into and all day event.

It will delay the hospital building so much that lorries are likely to run through the village overnight even when we have been told they will only operate during the day. These are piece work drivers they won't care when they operate, there is no delivery – no pay. Brighton & Hove Council have said some of the issues were not known or detail formalised when the planning application was considered and determined in 2012. This is because the planning agreement originally stated that lorries should only approach and leave the site on main A roads and that Wilson Avenue should not be used. In other words the Council guessed the transport issues in the planning application in 2012, and has since told Laing O'Rourke in 2015 that Woodingdean should now be used.

Woodingdean is already severe overload is due to get much worse when the Preston Barracks and Marina building traffic comes through as well. We doubt the hospital plan will be able to keep to its construction schedule if it chooses this change in routes through Woodingdean and it should be aware of the risk and additional running cost that will be added when things start to go wrong. I quote the Council again 'Woodingdean congestion will not be sever before the year 2030' and yet Brighton & Hove City Council's authority said that by 2019 congestion will already be above the predicted 2030 levels. Following a recent public meeting in Woodingdean a Council official said they would take on board what was requested.

Recently a survey made from the residents of Channel View Road found that the majority of residents wanted 1 end of Channel View Road closed to stop the rat run. However they were told there was no Council money available to make this happen and now they are not even being considered in the figures the council are now using to retrospectively justify its case. In fact the traffic flow measures in Woodingdean are rubber strips which go across the road to court the vehicles using the road. Fine in

principle but where have they been placed? 40 metres after the Downing Road turning and there are enough set of rubber measures 40 metres before the turning out of Channel View Road. Thus every vehicle which uses the rat run of Downing Road and Channel View Road will not be included in the Council's figures. In 2016 a monitoring report prepared by the Council did confirm an additional figure of 812 vehicles using Woodingdean a day but it is noted an 'insignificant figure'. We would like independent arbiters for the above statistics namely Google typical travel traffic statistics where you can collate traffic flow figures over six months and prove the points made by the residents of Woodingdean.

We would like answers to the following questions: Why was the decision made to re-route all construction traffic for the hospital construction project through Woodingdean when planning has been specifically given to use the A23 and A270 roads? Why was the change to the original plan not re-agreed with the same planning process and passed again by the planners? Why did the Council go ahead in 2015 with revised plans without even the courtesy of consultation with concerned parties? Why haven't the police been consulted in the new agreement to run traffic through Woodingdean?"

- 17.3 Councillor Mitchell replied; "You have raised a number of points that I will seek to address but I am hoping that we will be able to follow these up in more detail when the text of your deputation comes to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee in the autumn.

There is no doubt that over a number of year's traffic levels in Woodingdean Village have increased in the same way as in other neighbourhoods across the city leading to the problems that you describe. This is why the Council for many years has promoted a sustainable transport strategy that seeks to promote and facilitate the use of public transport and other sustainable forms of travel. We have recently commissioned a city wide traffic management plan and are implementing a £2 million intelligent transport system to better coordinate traffic flow. In terms of the works associated with the hospital development I can fully appreciate and share your concerns as the hospital site is within my ward and has been continually redeveloped since I became a Councillor in 1993 and I think we do have to accept as the admirable forbearance of residents of Kemp Town has shown that work on this new regional facility is substantial and long overdue and without it the lives and long-term health and welfare of many, many people within and beyond this city will be affected.

However, I would like to correct two points which I think might be misunderstandings about what has happened. Firstly no plans for vehicle and traffic routes have been changed or altered since the planning permission was granted in 2012. The routes were not fully set at the time of the permission as the site for consolidation centre had not been identified. Any statements made at that time would have been subject to further information and proposals from the hospital trust and its developers and a number of factors have changed between 2012 and now. The most important of these has been the identification and conformation of the development site's consolidation centre and facility with its location in Marina Way at the Kemp Town Gas Works and this was only confirmed to the council in April this year when the route plans that you are aware of were also put forward.

Secondly the planning process does not always require public consultation on the various obligations placed on developers after permission is granted. Professionally qualified Officers have the responsibility to complete and agree these. On this particular occasion as soon as this new information was received, and because of the scale and importance of it, I personally asked Officers to ensure that the local Councillors in the ward either side of my own were made aware of these proposals. Councillors Simson and Bell immediately took up an invitation to discuss the matter further and it was raised and discussed at your public meeting therefore enabling yourself and others to be involved. I'm pleased that officials and their contractors were able to be at that meeting and so that they could explain to you how they intend to manage that traffic flow. I would really recommend that you and any of your committee members that wish to keep in touch with the progress of this development via the hospital liaison group meetings that have been held regularly for the past 20 years. These are advertised on the 3T's website."

- 17.4 The Mayor thanked Stephen Roke for attending the meeting and speaking on behalf of the deputation. He explained that the points had been noted and the deputation would be referred to the next meeting of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for consideration. The persons forming the deputation would be invited to attend the meeting and would be informed subsequently of any action to be taken or proposed in relation to the matter set out in the deputation.
- 17.5 The Mayor then invited Madeleine Dickens, Tony Graham and Ken Kirk as the spokespersons for the second deputation to come forward and address the Council.
- 17.6 Madeleine Dickens, Tony Graham and Ken Kirk thanked the Mayor and stated that:

"Firstly I would like to talk about the financing of the NHS generally. The UK currently spends 8.8% of its GDP on health services this compares with an OECD average of 8.9%, France 10.1%, Germany 11% and the US 16.4% so don't get carried away; we are not big spenders on health. In 2015 the King's Fund said that the Government has fulfilled its promise by increasing the NHS spend but only by 0.8% and it really needs a 3-4% increase in its budget in order to account for increasing demand. The Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) which we must produce locally must show that local services will become sustainable over the next 5 years. It must also plan manage demand, increase provider efficiency, reconfigure services and most important of all balance the budget in its local area. So in other words we must absorb the deficit which we've already accumulated because of coalition underfunding. The first tranche of that funding has already been issued that's the fund that's called the sustainability and transformation fund. This fund is held by NHS England, but it is ring fenced and it can only be released with agreement from both the department of health and the treasury. So the principles enshrined in the health and social care act that it was now down to local GPs has gone because it's now under central control. Of this the Chief Economist of the Health Foundation said turning that sort of financial performance around when there are so many other underlying issues is an 'enormous if not impossible task'. The King's Fund also said that it is inconceivable that the NHS will be able to achieve both financial sustainability and large scale transformation within these financial constraints. So the Government is therefore set to limit the range of services, down grade quality of remaining services more likely provided by private profit seeking companies with staff reductions, even lower moral and resulting industrial disputes. What we are witnessing

is the contraction of health service from one driven by patient need and heralded by the Commonwealth fund as the best in the world to one controlled primarily by impossible financial targets.

STP is being imposed across England. Its imposition has no mandate, no parliamentary oversight, follows no consultation and has no legal status. STP planning guidelines stress consultation some attempt at public engagement has now begun locally but the draft plan submitted on 30 June 2016 were produced behind closed doors. There is a growing equality gap in health and social care here as well as elsewhere where marketisation and privatisation have hit service provision. On Tuesday this week the Conservative Chair of the Commons Health Select Committee Dr Sarah Wollaston referred to the direct damage of public health cuts. Locally our share of cuts is £1 million an 18% cut which is being imposed over the next 3 years. Outsourcing such as with the substance misuse service and currently with the children's services may give the appearance of achieving the required cut. The actual ongoing costs of outsourcing and the threat of it involved damage to workforce conditions, damage to moral, damage to good practice, damage to effectiveness critically and to sustainability.

The Local Government Association (LGA) recently challenged the democratic deficit of STP in the strongest terms criticising the pace of implementation undermining local ownership and squeezing out LA and community involvement, lack of democratic accountability, eroding the role of HWPs, footprints override devolution or Local government transformation boundaries. We ask with the greatest urgency that the Council halts the erosion of NHS and social care services and demands the cessation of any further action on STP pending detailed scrutiny. That this submission be referred to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. That the Health & Wellbeing Board organise a public consultation meeting on STP at the earliest opportunity and that the Council looks at the best means of soliciting city resident's opinions on the privatisation of NHS services along the lines of the University of Brighton's citizen's health services survey."

17.7 Councillor Yates replied;

"The first thing to say is that we as a Council aren't in a position to stop this. This is something that hasn't come from the Council, it hasn't come locally, it's something that was issued just before Christmas and it's something that the NHS is undertaking. It's not something that was decreed by the Local Government Authority, not something that was agreed by local government, it didn't even come out of the DCLG. We are not in a position to be able to stop it and in fact for a lot of reasons we might want to engage with it. The emerging ideas that are coming out of the STP very much build on the stuff we've already agreed within the local health economy are the right things to be doing; working closer together, using more health services out in the community, not making people go to hospital when they don't need to, ensuring that the community is properly engaged in the delivery of health service that are after all for the benefit of the community. You're right to make clear 8.8% GDP probably isn't as much as we could spend on health service and we could get better outcomes with more money again I don't have control over how much money is given to the NHS.



The important thing is to recognise that there isn't an established plan. The plan that was submitted at the end of June was very much an interim draft report on how much progress had been made it was not a plan of action it was much more a description of the areas that were being looked at when that plan does emerge and we're expecting it to emerge sometime in early Autumn. I would expect that the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is absolutely the right place, they are the structure within the council whose job is to scrutinise health after all. We want them to be undertaking that. We know that there is work already going on within the Sustainability and Transformation Board looking at how they undertake engagement but we have to engage at the right time. They've undertaken two pieces of engagement already bringing together stakeholders from across the footprint and also bringing together stakeholders and the public from across the city so we've seen two pieces of engagement. The most important pieces of engagement though is being able to present people with a plan that's come from the people who after all we all employ through our taxes to determine how our health services are best run and actually then asking the public how should that be done? Is this the right plan? Does this plan deliver as much as we possibly can within the limits that are imposed? I can't give a better answer than that at the moment as I say the plan isn't anywhere near developed enough to be able to even to I expect bother showing it to people to be frank."

17.8 The Mayor thanked Madeleine Dickens, Tony Graham and Ken Kirk for attending the meeting and speaking on behalf of the deputation. He explained that the points had been noted and the deputation would be referred to the next meeting of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee for consideration. The persons forming the deputation would be invited to attend the meeting and would be informed subsequently of any action to be taken or proposed in relation to the matter set out in the deputation.

17.9 The Mayor noted there were no other deputations.

## **18 PETITIONS FOR COUNCIL DEBATE**

18.1 The Mayor stated that the council's petition scheme provided that where a petition secured 1,250 or more signatures it could be debated at a Council meeting. He had been notified of four such petitions which had sufficient signatures to warrant a debate and therefore would call on the lead petitioner to present their petition before opening the matter up for debate.

### **(a) Reintroduce Scratch Card Voucher Parking**

18.1 The Mayor invited Councillor Brown to present the petition calling on the Council to reintroduce scratch card voucher parking across the city.

18.2 Councillor Brown stated that the petition had received a large number of signatures which demonstrated the strength of feelings across the city. Many people did not have a mobile phone and found the current system to be confusing. It was also more difficult for the elderly, and when the weather was bad; the introduction of more debit/credit card machines would help, but some people still would have problems actually finding the machines. The current system also caused problems for shopkeepers, and it was felt that scratch card parking would be a cheaper solution.

- 18.3 Councillor Mitchell responded to the petition and stated that the previous scratch card parking system had covered a small area of the city until 2008 and had been stopped at that time as it was too expensive to operate, as well as mistakes which lead to fines. The reintroduction would also need to be accompanied by new signage that would be costly to provide. The Policy, Resources & Growth Committee had agreed, the previous week, to retaining 150 cash machines as well 'pay by cash' points and well as an increased number of debit/credit card machines. It was highlighted that 92% of people now used bank cards.
- 18.4 Councillor Gibson moved the amendment on behalf of the Green Group and stated that there was concern some people were struggling and many residents would welcome the reintroduction of scratch card parking vouchers; the amendment sought to ensure the matter was properly considered.
- 18.5 Councillor Greenbaum formally seconded the amendment.
- 18.6 Councillor Bennett noted that the Conservative Group were supportive of the amendment.
- 18.7 In response to the debate Councillor Mitchell highlighted the recent awards that the Council had achieved for its parking services, and noted her faith in the contactless card payment system, as well as the advantage of having less money physically in machines on the streets which had historically been a target for thefts.
- 18.8 The Mayor then put the proposed amendment from the Green Group to the vote; this was **carried** by 30 votes to 23.
- 18.9 The Mayor then put the recommendation, as amended, to the vote and these were **carried** unanimously.
- 18.10 **RESOLVED:**
- 1) That the petition is noted and referred to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for consideration at its meeting on 11 October 2016.
  - 2) That the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee in response to this petition are requested to investigate difficulties faced by people without access to mobile phones and with mobility constraints (which are not necessarily sufficient to qualify for a blue badge) when using existing parking payment systems and recommend appropriate action to remedy any inequities of access to service for these groups.

**(b) Rottingdean Air Quality & Traffic Petition**

- 18.11 The Mayor invited Nigel Smith to present calling upon the Council to take action to address air quality and traffic in Rottingdean. The Mayor also explained that Item 23(d) – Notices of Motion: Rottingdean Air Quality would be considered with this item.
- 18.12 Mr Smith thanked the Mayor and explained that due to traffic congestion Rottingdean High Street was designated as an air quality management area (AQMA) and it

exceeded EU air quality limits; the effects of prolonged exposure to pollution were also highlighted. The level of traffic passing through the village also increased the potential for accidents. The Parish Council were supportive of actions to address the problem, and it was argued that preference had been given to air quality management schemes in the west of the city. Council were asked to address the issues in relation to air quality at the earliest opportunity, and the specific actions requested were outlined in the body of the petition.

- 18.13 Councillor Hyde moved the Notice of Motion listed in the agenda on behalf of the Conservative Group. She stated that the impetus for the Notice of Motion had been a previous deputation to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee, calling for traffic modelling as a means to reduce pollution; the deputation had been noted. Children and the elderly were most affected by the pollution and there were two primary schools just off the High Street in Rottingdean. There were also a number of residential properties in the High Street, and the vehicles could be as close as 1 metre from people's living room windows. Councillor Hyde noted comments made by Councillor Mitchell in relation to Labour Party Support for a clean air act; which stated that improvements had been made in Rottingdean, but there was still much to do. It was hoped that the request to bring a report to would receive the support of Council.
- 18.14 Councillor Miller formally seconded to motion and stated that the Notice of Motion was in response to the disappointing receipt of the Parish Council's deputation, namely that there was not sufficient LTP funding. Some of the issues and the impact were highlighted, and it was stated that this traffic build up in the east of city had a knock on effect. Councillor also noted that the City Plan had identified additional housing in the ward and this would only seek to add to the existing problems.
- 18.15 Councillor Page proposed an amendment on behalf of the Green Group and thanked the petitioners and the ward Councillors for bringing attention to the issue; he noted that Portslade was also in an AQMA and there were a number of other hotspots in the city that had issues with air quality management. He noted that the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee needed to consider carefully what could be done in these areas and some funded should be found to address this. Councillor Page went on to highlight that the Conservative Chair of the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Select Committee had stated that poor air quality was harming health nationally and figures suggested that it accounted for 40,000 to 50,000 premature deaths each year; this equated to approximately 200 within the city.
- 18.16 Councillor Deane formally seconded the amendment and stated that the Green Group were in support of the motion, but were proposing an amendment on the basis that it was important to seek to reduce traffic wherever possible. Councillor Deane highlighted proposed measures that the previous Green Administration had undertaken; she highlighted her sympathy with residents in Rottingdean and noted that the Green Group were seeking to encourage the use of alternative means of transportation to the car where possible.
- 18.17 Councillor Mears highlighted that this was not a new problem for the city and noted that some steps had been taken by the previous Green Administration. Council had already heard a deputation from residents in Woodingdean as many of these problems started from traffic on the Falmer Road into Rottingdean. The area was semi-rural and hilly,

and, whilst many residents relied on it, the bus service was not good in the area forcing many to use cars as the only means of transportation. Councillor Mears urged the administration to look carefully at residents' concerns and requests.

18.18 Councillor Mitchell responded to the debate and stated that the Administration supported the Notice of Motion, and highlighted that the principle cause of harmful emissions was cars and vans. Air quality in Rottingdean High Street had been measured regularly since 2013, whilst it had improved, this had now stalled. Options around parking and redirecting traffic were not necessarily suitable as they could create block backs elsewhere in the city. It was noted that the spending in the LTP was already committed, but other funding methods could be potentially considered. Councillor Mitchell noted that the work the Green Group amendment proposed would already be undertaken by the LTP and therefore the amendment was unnecessary. It was important to look at how funding could be used to unlock housing and provide jobs, which had to be the basis on any transport bid to Central Government. Councillor Mitchell concluded by stating she would be happy to receive a report to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee to consider all of these issues.

18.19 Councillor Hyde spoke in response to the debate and stated that that the proposed amendment to the Notice of Motion would not be accepted. She thanked Councillor Mitchell's for her positive contributions. In response to comments from Councillor Deane she noted that the bus on the seafront A259 had made traffic problems much worse in that area, and the pollution had increased since the opening of the bus lane on the Lewes Road.

18.20 The Mayor then put the recommendations in the petition report to the vote, these were **carried**.

18.21 **RESOLVED** – That the petition is noted and referred to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for consideration at its meeting on 11 October 2016.

18.22 The Mayor then put the proposed Green Amendment to the Conservative Notice of Motion, this was **lost** 11 to 42 as set out below:

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
<b>Allen</b>		X		<b>Marsh</b>		X	
<b>Atkinson</b>		X		<b>Meadows</b>		X	
<b>Barford</b>		X		<b>Mears</b>		X	
<b>Barnett</b>		X		<b>Miller</b>		X	
<b>Bell</b>		X		<b>Mitchell</b>		X	
<b>Bennett</b>		X		<b>Moonan</b>		X	
<b>Bewick</b>		X		<b>Morgan</b>		X	
<b>Brown</b>		X		<b>Morris</b>		X	
<b>Cattell</b>		X		<b>Nemeth</b>		X	

Chapman		X		Norman A		X	
Cobb		X		Norman K		X	
Daniel		X		O'Quinn		X	
Deane	✓			Page	✓		
Druitt	✓			Peltzer Dunn	✓	X	
Gibson	✓			Penn		X	
Gilbey		X		Phillips	✓		
Greenbaum	✓			Robins		X	
Hamilton		X		Simson		X	
Hill		X		Sykes	✓		
Horan		X		Taylor		X	
Hyde		X		Theobald C		X	
Inkpin-Leissner		X		Theobald G		X	
Janio		X		Wares		X	
Knight	✓			Wealls		X	
Lewry		X		West	✓		
Littman	✓			Yates		X	
Mac Cafferty	✓						
				<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>42</b>	

18.22 The Mayor then put the Notice of Motion as listed to the vote this was **carried** unanimously.

**(c) Designate St Aubyns Playing Field, Rottingdean as Local Green Space**

18.23 The Mayor invited Lynne Moss to present the petition calling upon the Council to designate St Aubyns Playing Field Rottingdean as Local Green Space at the earliest opportunity.

18.23 Lynne Moss thanked the Mayor and stated the same petition had been submitted to the Council a year ago, at which time the Council had agreed to the designation; however, when the petition was considered at the subsequent meeting of the Economic Development & Culture Committee the resolution of Council was changed by way of an amendment from Officers. The site met all the criteria in the NPPF to be a green space. It was noted that the petition was accompanied by a barrister's letter which argued that the decision of the Economic Development & Culture Committee was unlawful. The group were also asking that Council's constitution be reviewed to prevent Officer

amendments in future. Lynne Moss, finished by highlighting the group's lack of confidence in the Council's Planning Department.

- 18.24 Councillor Robins responded to the petition and stated that the Administration recognised the value of the space and wished to see it retained and funding provided for its maintenance. The land currently had some protection under local and national policies, and any future planning application would need to be considered against these tests. In terms of a designation as a local green space, this could only be done with a development plan and would need to meet the set criteria. It was added that the City Plan Part Two, would soon be out for consultation, and it was at these early stages that the case could be made for local green spaces designations. In relation to the Officer amendment that had been agreed by the Economic Development & Culture Committee, there was an accepted working practice for Officer's to proposed amendments (usually for technical reasons). In this case the amendment had been a means to enable the recommendation of Council to be implemented; any proposed amendment still had to be agreed by the Members on the Committee in the usual manner.
- 18.25 Councillor Mears thanked Councillor Robins for his comments, and went on to highlight the amendment that had been agreed to the previous petition by Council before it was referred to the Economic Development & Culture Committee. Councillor Mears noted that a lot of work had been undertaken around this issue and urged the Council to resolve this at the earliest opportunity; she noted that the barrister's opinion was 'damming' and suggested that a working group could be the means to resolve the matter.
- 18.26 Councillor Druitt noted his support for green spaces across the city, and, whilst the city needed housing, building on green spaces was not the solution. Councillor Druitt noted that the amendment had been a practical means to implement the petition, but he argued that he was unsure if we would act the same way again if he knew the amendment would undermine the material nature of the petition.
- 18.27 The Monitoring Officer clarified that he was satisfied the advice of Officers and the agreement of the amendment at the Economic Development & Culture Committee had all been appropriate and in accordance with the Council's procedures.
- 18.28 **RESOLVED** – That the petition is noted and referred to the Economic Development & Culture Committee for consideration at its meeting on 22 September 2016.

**(d) Brighton Kids Not Commuters**

- 18.29 The Mayor invited Chris Arulanandam to present calling upon the Council to ensure all children in the city could attend their local school without having to travel long distances.
- 18.29 Chris Arulanandam thanked the Mayor and stated that he was attending on behalf of the group 'Brighton Kids Not Commuters'. The group believed that every child in the city should have access to quality education; the most impactful way to do this would be to create single school catchment areas. It was argued that keeping friendship groups together was highly impactful as children transitioned from primary to secondary school. The group were suggesting that admissions priority should be given to those with SEN, and schools should have a quota for those on free school meals that needed to be in

attendance. There should be minimal distances to schools so that children could walk to school without placing additional burden on the traffic flow in the city.

- 18.30 Councillor Bewick responded to the petition and stated that the Council had a statutory duty to regularly review its admissions policy. The population of the city was growing and by 2018 the city would need to accommodate a new secondary school and the current catchment areas would no longer be fit for purpose. There was already a review group of Members that had met over the last year to review options, and 24 public meetings had been held and 644 consultation responses received. The working group would look at all of these responses and would consider them at the meeting of the Children, Young People & Skills Committee in September. The priority for the Administration was to achieve the best outcomes for children in the city, but also to draw fairer catchment areas that would minimise disruption.
- 18.31 Councillor Littman thanked the petitioner and commended the work to obtain so many signatures. He noted that parents within his own Ward were concerned that any changes could impact on friendship groups and force children to travel long distances to school. Councillor Littman noted the importance of children being able to attend after school clubs and activities. Increased travel created costs and for the Council as well as increased pollution for the city generally. The varied costs of housing in parts of the city also meant that low incomes households were disproportionately affected and the Council should be working to ensure that all children, regardless of background, were able to attend a good school.
- 18.32 Councillor Wealls thanked the petitioner, as well as Councillor Chapman for chairing the cross-party working group. He highlighted how the working-party had approached the matter and noted that all options had been considered in full, with the aim being that the process be fair and transparent. It was important that community cohesion be protected and children be able to transition between schools with their established peers. Councillor Wealls asked that as people as possible contribute to the formal consultation in the autumn.
- 18.33 In response to the debate Councillor Bewick emphasised the amount of work that had already been undertaken. He welcomed the comments made by Councillor Littman and noted that this would be an opportunity to ensure the Council made decisions that promoted fairness and he hoped that the consultations options would demonstrate that the working group had listened carefully.
- 18.34 **RESOLVED** – That the petition is noted and referred to the Children, Young People & Skills Committee for consideration at its meeting on 3 October 2016.

## 19 WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS.

- 19.1 The Mayor reminded Council that written questions from Members and the replies from the appropriate Councillor were taken as read by reference to the list included in the addendum which had been circulated as detailed below:

**(a) Councillor Littman**

19.2 “Whilst Chair of the Economic Development and Culture Committee; you said, in your Chair’s Communications at the meeting on 18th June 2015:

‘A petition with over 5,300 signatures by Our Brighton Hippodrome is not being presented today. It asks the council to support plans for theatre restoration and to use all available powers and its best endeavours to facilitate such plans. I can confirm that we are now in positive discussions with Academy Music Group, the new owner of the Hippodrome, Hippodrome House and the access yard off Ship Street. We have agreed to join a stakeholders group with Our Brighton Hippodrome, Brighton Hippodrome CIC, The Theatres Trust, Historic England and the Frank Matcham Society. The stakeholder group will work with Academy Music Group to find the best way forward to bring the Hippodrome back to life. The council will assist in that process by sharing relevant information for an independent viability assessment.’

I note that since then, the independent viability assessment has been conducted and an agreement is being drawn up for the “enabling development” part of the project.

In the light of this encouraging news, could Cllr. Morgan please update me on the support we, as a Council, have given, and will be giving in the future, in order to ensure the stakeholder group is able to pursue their development plans and that we ‘bring the Hippodrome back to life’?”

**Reply from Councillor Morgan, Leader of the Council**

“I can confirm that the council has continued to be represented on the stakeholder group and is supportive of the Hippodrome CIC’s efforts to access funding streams to help restore this historic Grade II\* listed building as a successful theatre and multi-event space. The council’s assistance has recently included providing the CIC with written support in respect of its £3.6 million bid to secure funding from the Coastal Communities Fund for initial restoration work to preserve the fabric of the building. The outcome of this bid is currently awaited.

Earlier in July officers from the council and Historic England met with the CIC and its appointed team to discuss their emerging plans. Obtaining the freehold interest is the key factor necessary to enable the CIC to move forward, as it would provide access to potential funding streams towards the building’s restoration that would not be available to commercial bodies. The CIC’s proposals are therefore dependent on its development partner securing a land with Academy Music Group, current owners of the site. Assuming that such a land deal is secured, the council is committed to hold regular meetings with the CIC in order to help facilitate progress wherever appropriate.

Officers are meeting with the Academy Music Group on 25 July and this will provide us with further information on the freeholder’s considerations. Whatever the outcome of current negotiations between the CIC, its development partner and the Academy Music Group, the council will continue to play whatever role it reasonably can in helping to facilitate the restoration of this important building.”



**(b) Councillor Knight**

- 19.3 “Can the Chair of the Children, Young People and Skills Committee please confirm how many unaccompanied asylum seeking children the Council plans to take in response to the growing refugee crisis, and confirm whether the Council plans to take additional asylum seeking children beyond the Government target of 0.07% of the total child population?”

**Reply from Councillor Bewick – Chair of the Children, Young People & Skills Committee**

“Thank you for your question. As you will be aware this council has a proud record of receiving refugee and asylum seeking families and children. Last year we accepted 10 unaccompanied young people from Kent to help support the pressure they were under. As you have noted in your question the Home Office have made an assumption that each local authority area will receive additional unaccompanied asylum seeking children as part of a national dispersal programme. We have agreed to take part in this programme and are in liaison with them regarding receiving children. It is likely that children will arrive in small numbers and over an extended period but we are happy to confirm that we will accept these children who require support and help. If this means we go slightly above the 0.07% figure quoted by the Home Office we believe that this is our responsibility as a city of sanctuary.”

**(c) Councillor Sykes**

- 19.3 “At the March 2016 meeting of Environment Transport and Sustainability committee, Cllr Mitchell undertook to provide me with a briefing in response to a Green Group Notice of Motion entitled ‘Being prepared for flooding’, which had been agreed by Full Council in January 2016. Please could this briefing be provided?”

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

“Following the ETS Committee a written briefing was prepared for Councillor Sykes that unfortunately was not sent. This was an error and the briefing has now been sent to Cllr Sykes.”

**(d) Councillor C. Theobald**

- 19.4 “Will Cllr. Cattell please list the % for Art S. 106 contributions that have been agreed by the Council over the last 12 years, the monetary value of each of those contributions and what they have been spent on?”

**Reply from Councillor Cattell – Chair of the Planning Committee**

I have provided you with two lists of public art contributions. These have been made as part of planning consents for major developments. The first is a list of developer contributions directly towards public art - this includes contributions implemented in the last 12 years as well as those secured within the last 12 years.

The second list is developer contributions for public art integrated into public realm. In some cases these payments include public realm improvements as well as public art contributions. It is not possible to provide a percentage split between the two.

**List 1: Developer Contributions directly towards Public Art – either secured or implemented in the last 12 years**

Application Number	Site	Amount
2000/1760	Asda, Hollingbury	£10k
2000/3122	Clock Tower, North Street Quadrant	£20k
2001/1019	Former Alliance and Leicester Building	£40k
2001/1737	Ex BCT, Richmond Terrace	£16k
2001/2071	179 Church Road/Connaught Road	£20k
2001/2075	Varndean High School	£15k
2001/2593	9-10 Crowhurst Road	£10k
2003/0630	20-26 York Place	£14.5k
2003/3698	Land adjacent to Falmer Station	£20k
2004/1260	Knoll Primary School	£25k
2004/1573	Varndean College, Surrenden Road	£10k
2004/1705	9-11 Upper Drive	£25k
2004/2722	4-8 Somerhill Road	£30,140
2005/00142	Block K, Brighton Station	£10k
2005/0681	Carden Medical Centre	£10k
2005/2267	Nuffield, New Church Road	£17.2k
2006/0900	Hollingdean MRF/WTS	£10k
2006/1430	Block G, Brighton Station	£5.3k
2006/1761	Blocks E and F Brighton Station	£20k
2006/3882	Freshfield/Pankhurst Reservoir	£12k
2007/2192	Uni of Brighton	£42k
2007/2930	50-52 New Church Road	£26k
2007/2974	Travis Perkins, Wellington Road	£41k
2008/0210	Dresden House	£33k
2008/2303	Elmhurst, Warren Road	£10k
2009/1340	Vega Building, 331 Kingsway	£10k
2010/1824	112-113 Lewes Road	£12.5k
2010/3714	88-92 Queens Road	£40k
2011/3358	Maycroft, Carden Avenue	£8k
2012/2625	Co-op Site, London Road	£100k

**List 2: On-site Provision by Developer – Public Art integrated into Public Realm**

Site	Amount
Amex, Edward Street/John Street	£250k
New England Quarter	£1m
1 Manor Road	£17.4k
Former Buxtons, Ditchling Road	£20.8k
Maycroft, Carden Avenue	£24.5k
Open Market	£35k

Marina, Outer Harbour	£60k min
RSCH 3Ts	No amount given
Former Royal Alex Hospital, Dyke Road	£59k
I360, West Pier	No amount given
Falmer Stadium	£70k
Circus Street	£100k

## 20 ORAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- 20.1 The Mayor noted that four oral questions had been received and that 30 minutes were set aside for the duration of the item.
- 20.2 The Mayor then invited Councillor G. Theobald to put his question to the Chair of the Planning Committee.
- 20.3 Councillor G. Theobald asked; “As Councillor Cattell will no doubt be aware the court of appeal recently found in favour of the government in a case brought by Redding and West Berkshire Councils who objected to the government’s guidance that developers should not have to have affordable housing on sites of less than 10 units. The fact that Brighton & Hove City Council continues to ignore this government guidance is effectively inviting a costly legal challenge by developers in the near future. Does Councillor Cattell agree with me that this brinkmanship on the part of the Council is pretty reckless at a time when, as we keep being told, the Council needs every penny it can get?”
- 20.4 Councillor Cattell replied; “As you said that is guidance and it is not legislation and we have an agreed supplementary planning document and at Planning Committee last week we approved a scheme of under 10 units with an affordable housing contribution. If that particular applicant wished to apply to have that set aside then we will but it is a test case We also ~~approved~~ *refused* another one because the applicant did not agree to the section 106: affordable housing quote for under 10 units and if that developer decides to appeal then that will be decided by appeal. At the moment we are going by the guidance being what it says it is; guidance.”
- 20.5 Councillor G. Theobald asked the following supplementary question; “I would just point out that the guidance is backed up by the court of appeal so that’s legislation for you. The fact that so much of the city’s housing comes from small sites of less than ten units makes it all the more important that as a Council we don’t do anything to jeopardise that supply not developed by the big players in the market but by small developers –often family firms- who struggle to meet the Council’s financial demands. I think that in this chamber we are all agreed that we need to see more affordable housing developed in Brighton & Hove but does Councillor Cattell agree that by continuing to make these demands of developers the Council risks reducing the supply of housing of all types and tenures?”
- 20.6 Councillor Cattell replied; “No, I don’t agree. The fact is even though there are a lot of small developers they all know what the score is they all know what the local plan has been saying for the last couple of years that it has been coming on stream, it’s not a surprise to them and if they are properly and professionally advised then they will take into their business model. If anybody around in the chamber knows anything about developer’s profit then they will know that all these things are taken into consideration

certainly when I was a planning consultant the first thing I would say to clients is check out all of the section 106 requirements. If you still can't make a profit then you should walk away because there will be plenty of other people who will come in."

- 20.7 Councillor Sykes asked; "Given the opportunity of new faces at 10, 11 and at DCLG and the relentless pressure on this Council's finances and other Council's finances what action is Councillor Hamilton and the administration planning, together with other Labour Councils, and possibly through the LGA and alone, to lobby for maintenance and increase in support for underfunded local authorities?"
- 20.8 Councillor Hamilton replied; "Whilst this is not something I have discussed in great detail with our Finance Team I am aware that the Local Government Association will, of course, be making approaches to the new Government, because quite clearly we have a new Minister instead of Greg Clark. With the new Minister we hope that there will be a change in the overall financial situation. I have to say I am not very optimistic but nevertheless new Prime Minister, new Cabinet it may well be that they will have another look at that as all of us here, whatever our political persuasions are, know that with £44m savings still to make it can only cause us further problems in trying to present the balanced budget and provide a full range of services. I will discuss with our Finance Team to see if there is any way to try and pursue this, but I think it is best to say that the Local Government Association is probably the best vehicle to use to try to see what can be possibly squeezed out of the Government to make sure that our Revenue Support Grant doesn't go down by the £11.5m next year which is what is intended."
- 20.9 Councillor Sykes asked the following supplementary question; "I am quite disappointed by that response, because I wasn't looking for a technical response about how we are going to do this with Officers, but more of a political response about the state of Local Government Finances and the situation going forward, so it sounds to me like this administration is doing very little to lobby for our cause. The other element of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, is of course, Council Tax and the Medium Term Financial Strategy illustrates this administration's adeptness of what you might call extreme U-turns with 17% Council Tax rise over this 4 year period and that is their choice and my question is what plans do the administration have to discuss this huge Council Tax rise over the next period with residents given their choice to cut back on consultation last year."
- 20.10 Councillor Hamilton replied; "Thank you for your second question. Well, clearly, I think everybody has to agree that the new Government has been in place for a very short time and I imagine that it will take a bit of time to see what is going on. We will certainly make representations and also, of course, we have had one of the MP's for the city, who is my MP and I will certainly contact him as well to see if he can put some pressure on for us as well. With regard to the Council Tax increase over the coming years, obviously as Councillor Sykes knows, we do have a consultation process. We will, I am sure, be having a Budget Review Group Meeting before long and as I said to you before if you want to bring things along for our consideration on consultation on Council Tax then by all means do and we will see how it can be done. I think that there are two conflicting things, you could say, let everybody who owns a computer send their consultations online and that's fine and you would probably get quite a few people to do that, on the other hand would that be a legitimate fair cross-section of the public as a whole? We need to try and reconcile the two things, but I always say this at Budget Review Group

we are always welcome to receive suggestions from the other Groups and, if you want to, come along to our next meeting when there will be plenty of time to carry out a consultation on the council tax increase. It is whether we do it for the remaining years or the next one that will again be something for the Budget Review Group to consider. Clearly we are mindful of the situation, we are in a very difficult position, we have 1.99% maximum. The 2% for care, we know, goes nowhere near meeting the extra costs for the demand led adult social care which we are getting, which we estimate might be, between now and 2020 might run up to another £20-23m of extra adult social care pressures we won't get that by 2.5% with another 2% each year which is about £2.5m per annum."

- 20.11 Councillor Page asked; "Thank you Mr. Mayor and I hope that none of us are feeling lonely tonight, but evidence is strong now that loneliness and isolation is a harmful thing on people's health. It has been equated to smoking more than 15 cigarettes a day, contributing to much greater risks of heart disease; depression etc. and older people are particularly at risk. We have 10% more than the national average of older people living alone in our city according to the census. So will Councillor Yates join in applauding local projects which encourage communities to reach out to those amongst them who may not otherwise speak to anyone else for a whole week, such as the Food Partnerships Casserole Club and in particular Impetus' Yellow Rose Campaign. I would encourage everybody to look out for yellow roses being sold on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July which is the UN's day of friendship. I have come across another project just recently called "hen power" this is nothing to do with party houses it about older people looking after hens, chickens and to reduce isolation. Will he join me in applauding these projects to reduce loneliness and isolation?"
- 20.12 Councillor Yates responded; "Absolutely, it's really good to hear Councillor Page bringing this to everyone's attention. It's one of our key strategies for the Health & Wellbeing Board; addressing loneliness and social isolation. It's one of the big concerns we have in terms of things that are unnecessary and are driving ill health; both psychological ill health and physical ill health as well as having other significant social impacts and cost implications for the whole of society. So all of the partners that we work with whether those are partners across the city like the food partnership, community or voluntary sector, independent organisations like food clubs/shared meals organisations. People like 'men in sheds' who are trying to organise in the city to develop services those are all absolutely brilliant. Just a few things you might not be aware of we are working, using EU funding, to share best practises with 5 partner cities and that is funding we've been able to use here in the city to tackle social isolation and, of course, we are also a World Health Organisation age friendly something that isn't going to be affected unlike that EU funding by Brexit."
- 20.13 Councillor Page asked the following supplementary; "I am encouraged to know that the Health & Wellbeing Strategy has something on loneliness because when I looked at it on the website a week or two ago I could hardly see the word loneliness mentioned. Can you suggest more specific ways the Health & Wellbeing Strategy, possibly another Committee, can encourage residents and other organisation to support this sort of community care?"
- 20.14 Councillor Yates replied; "There is a variety of ways and, as I've already said, we're working with building based services, and community sector partners. This isn't just

about what we do as a Council, this is about what the whole health and wellbeing system does and in fact what the whole community does because you can reduce social isolation just by talking to your neighbour, just by introducing yourself to your neighbour. It doesn't have to be something that's funded necessarily, doesn't have to be something that's pushed by the government or even local government. The better care plan of course is to address social isolation because we know that some of that better care funding can do some really good things and we've developed 'I statements' to help people who may be at risk of social isolation to be able to identify and for us to be able to measure are we doing good things about social isolations?

The 'I statements' are:

I'm enabled to remain independent for as long as possible,

I'm supported to have social connections and feel happy,

I'm enabled to stay well and maintain a good quality of life for as long as possible,

I'm able to access a range of community support to help me maintain my resilience and wellbeing,

I have access to appropriate information and support to enable me to manage my long-term health conditions,

I have access to appropriate advice and support to help me avoid harm or injury and I have to say as someone who lives alone with a long term health condition I hope as I age I'll be able to answer in the affirmative to all of those statements."

- 20.15 Councillor Phillips asked; "Since many of our young people in our city's secondary schools at the moment will go on to study at one of our universities could Cllr Bewick clarify what the likely implications is of the loss of EU research funding on our universities?"
- 20.16 "In terms of opportunities for young people in this country I believe that there will be more opportunities for young people to not only go to university but to exchange in cultural, intellectual and other academic exercises because Britain is re-joining the global economy and that means that our young people here in Brighton & Hove and across the rest of Britain will get those opportunities. We will continue with the Erasmus programme that has given tens of thousands of young people in this country the opportunity to study a degree included at masters and post-graduate level but we will be extending those opportunities to places like Australia, Canada and other growing parts of the world."
- 20.17 Councillor Phillips asked the following supplementary question; "I quite intrigued as to how the Erasmus programme will continue since Switzerland can't have it but that wasn't my question but if he could respond to that too that would be great. As the leader of the leave campaign in Brighton & Hove and one of the few proponents of Brexit who is yet to resign can Councillor Bewick please provide some reassurances that the loss of funding will be replaced by other income streams despite the significant worsening of the UK financial position as a result of leaving the EU?"
- 20.18 "On the impact of Brexit on our education system, on our universities it wasn't very long ago that university vice chancellors were writing to the Secretary of State for Business, writing to the Chancellor of the Exchequer about the fact that they could not let in non-EU from other parts of the world who often pay more to come and arguably contribute more to the economy because they tend to occupy those important key areas to the

economy like IT, Finance and Management. So let's be absolutely clear about this when we leave the European Union there will be more opportunities for young people because we're re-joining the global economy. I didn't lead the campaign for Brexit here in the city because I'm some little Englander and want to pull up the draw-bridge of opportunity, no I joined the campaign because I want to leave little Europe behind for a global economy."

## **21 CALL OVER FOR REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.**

### **(a) Callover**

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

Item 22 - Children's Services Annual Report 2015/16

## **22 CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16**

22.1 Councillor Bewick introduced, and formally moved, the report for noting and thanked all the Members of the Children, Young People & Skills Committee for their contributions during the debate at the Committee. The number of schools rated 'good' or 'outstanding' had increased under the Labour Administration, and none of the city schools were considered to be failing. Children's Services accounted for approximately one third of the total budget of the organisation, and it was right that all Members be given an opportunity to scrutinise its work. Councillor Bewick explained that, as Chair of the Committee, he had agreed four key priorities, all of which were achievable; however, the service still faced significant challenges as children and young people were still being left behind and the number of child safeguarding referrals was increasing. There was a high uptake of nursery places across the city, but there was some pressure on the early years budget and the decision to close children's centres had been very difficult. It was important that work continue to ensure the city remained a great place to bring up a child, and where education and opportunity was not determined by postcode.

22.2 Councillor Brown stated that she agreed with the overarching goal of the Administration in relation to Children's Services and she felt that closing the gap should be the priority for the city as this was still apparent despite the improvement in attainment. The high demand for mental health services was of concern and this work needed to be prioritised. There was little mention in the report of proposed youth and employability trust which had been started under the Conservative Administration. In relation to collaborative working it was highlighted that many headteachers did not feel sufficiently involved in the partnership model, and this needed to be addressed if the Council were to achieve better educational outcomes.

22.3 Councillor Wealls stated his view that there was poor linkage between the content of the report and the performance report that had been considered by the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee the previous week. He noted that the key performance indicators (KPIs) were set in consultation with Committee Chairs, but he was felt this still left a gap in the accountability thread for performance management. He went on to add that there was a large amount of very good work being undertaken in Children's Services and he congratulated Councillor Bewick for his personal commitment to apprenticeships and the excellent work in this area. He highlighted that the target for NEETs had remained the

same, and urged the Administration to ensure it was working from a consistent framework. He also congratulated the SEN needs review, which was excellent work that could be reflected better in the report.

- 22.4 Councillor Taylor noted that he welcomed the report as an opportunity to hold the administration to account, but he felt it presented an overoptimistic picture, though he highlighted he did not wish to detract from the good work taking place in the directorate. He highlighted that education was cumulative, and it was harder to close the gap further into a child's education, because of this he welcomed to excellent up take of the early years scheme. Councillor Taylor advocated looking more in-depth at Ofsted reports; in particular he noted that no secondary schools in the city were rated as outstanding – though none were failing either. It was argued that the city should set its aims beyond 'average'. Councillor Taylor also highlighted that the performance of primary schools needed greater attention, and noted that half of primary schools were average or below average on 'value added'.
- 22.5 Councillor Mac Cafferty stated his views that the report masked the issue of cuts to children's centres despite opposition from parents; as well cuts to youth services and families services which impacted some of the poorest people in the city.
- 22.6 Councillor Bewick responded to the debate and highlighted the improvements in Ofsted rating in the city; he noted that this improvement was due to the work of staff in schools and Officers at the Council. He noted that the Administration was committed to the Youth Employment Trust and this form the subject of a report to the Children, Young People & Skills Committee in the autumn. As well as listening and entering into dialogue with headteachers it was important that the Council listen to the 50,000 parents in the city, and he made reference to the recent creation of the alignment of inset days – which had started as a petition to Council.
- 22.7 **RESOLVED** – That Council note the report.

**23 THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**(a) COUNCIL UNITED AGAINST HATE CRIMES**

- 23.1 The Notice of Motion listed in the agenda was proposed by Councillors Morgan, G. Theobald and Mac Cafferty cross-party on behalf of all Groups and seconded by Councillors Daniel, Simson and Littman.
- 23.2 The Mayor put the following motion to the vote:

"We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country.

Brighton & Hove City Council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

Brighton & Hove City Council will work to ensure local bodies and programmes have support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.



We reassure all people living in Brighton & Hove that they are valued members of our community.”

23.3 The motion was **carried**.

**(b) GOVERNMENT EDUCATION POLICY**

23.4 The Notice of Motion listed in the agenda was proposed by Councillor Bewick on behalf of the Labour & Co-Operative Group and seconded by Councillor Chapman.

23.5 Councillor Phillips moved an amendment on behalf of the Green Group which was seconded by Councillor Mac Cafferty.

23.6 The Mayor noted that the Green Groups Amendment had not been accepted and put it to the vote which was lost by 11 votes to 42 as detailed below:

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
<b>Allen</b>		X		<b>Marsh</b>		X	
<b>Atkinson</b>		X		<b>Meadows</b>		X	
<b>Barford</b>		X		<b>Mears</b>		X	
<b>Barnett</b>		X		<b>Miller</b>		X	
<b>Bell</b>		X		<b>Mitchell</b>		X	
<b>Bennett</b>		X		<b>Moonan</b>		X	
<b>Bewick</b>		X		<b>Morgan</b>		X	
<b>Brown</b>		X		<b>Morris</b>		X	
<b>Cattell</b>		X		<b>Nemeth</b>		X	
<b>Chapman</b>		X		<b>Norman A</b>		X	
<b>Cobb</b>		X		<b>Norman K</b>		X	
<b>Daniel</b>		X		<b>O'Quinn</b>		X	
<b>Deane</b>	✓			<b>Page</b>	✓		
<b>Druitt</b>	✓			<b>Peltzer Dunn</b>		X	
<b>Gibson</b>	✓			<b>Penn</b>		X	
<b>Gilbey</b>		X		<b>Phillips</b>	✓		
<b>Greenbaum</b>	✓			<b>Robins</b>		X	
<b>Hamilton</b>		X		<b>Simson</b>		X	
<b>Hill</b>		X		<b>Sykes</b>	✓		

Horan		X		Taylor		X	
Hyde		X		Theobald C		X	
Inkpin-Leissner		X		Theobald G		X	
Janio		X		Wares		X	
Knight	✓			Wealls		X	
Lewry		X		West	✓		
Littman	✓			Yates		X	
Mac Cafferty	✓						
				<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>

23.7 The Mayor then put the following motion as listed to the vote:

The Council resolves:

To request that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Education stating the Council's support for:

- improving school standards through a family of schools approach, working within existing structures
- increased local accountability of schools, where families and communities are able to scrutinise and hold to account local plans for school improvement and action to reduce inequality of educational outcomes across communities
- protection, enhancement and valuing of the role of parents in the running of schools

To request that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Education stating the Council's concern in relation to:

- national top-down reorganisations of schools that do not reflect local needs. School reorganisation should be based on the strengths and needs of local communities and have local support.
- any plans that mean parents will have a reduced role in running schools.
- any plans to restrict options for 'struggling' schools, including potentially forcing schools to become academies, that may cut them off from the key support that can be offered by the LA family of schools. There is a lack of firm evidence that academisation is the only or most effective route to guarantee school improvement.
- any plans that will reduce local authorities' vital role in educational provision, in terms of planning for school places, school admissions arrangements, support for special educational needs, staff support and development, and so limiting opportunities to reduce inequality in outcomes for young people across local communities, and ensure no young people are left behind.

23.8 The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been **carried** by 33 votes to 20 as listed below:

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
<b>Allen</b>	✓			<b>Marsh</b>	✓		
<b>Atkinson</b>	✓			<b>Meadows</b>	✓		
<b>Barford</b>	✓			<b>Mears</b>		X	
<b>Barnett</b>		X		<b>Miller</b>		X	
<b>Bell</b>		X		<b>Mitchell</b>	✓		
<b>Bennett</b>		X		<b>Moonan</b>	✓		
<b>Bewick</b>	✓			<b>Morgan</b>	✓		
<b>Brown</b>		X		<b>Morris</b>	✓		
<b>Cattell</b>	✓			<b>Nemeth</b>		X	
<b>Chapman</b>	✓			<b>Norman A</b>		X	
<b>Cobb</b>		X		<b>Norman K</b>		X	
<b>Daniel</b>	✓			<b>O'Quinn</b>	✓		
<b>Deane</b>	✓			<b>Page</b>	✓		
<b>Druitt</b>	✓			<b>Peltzer Dunn</b>		X	
<b>Gibson</b>	✓			<b>Penn</b>	✓		
<b>Gilbey</b>	✓			<b>Phillips</b>	✓		
<b>Greenbaum</b>	✓			<b>Robins</b>	✓		
<b>Hamilton</b>	✓			<b>Simson</b>		X	
<b>Hill</b>	✓			<b>Sykes</b>	✓		
<b>Horan</b>	✓			<b>Taylor</b>		X	
<b>Hyde</b>		X		<b>Theobald C</b>		X	
<b>Inkpin-Leissner</b>	✓			<b>Theobald G</b>		X	
<b>Janio</b>		X		<b>Wares</b>		X	
<b>Knight</b>	✓			<b>Wealls</b>		X	
<b>Lewry</b>		X		<b>West</b>	✓		
<b>Littman</b>	✓			<b>Yates</b>	✓		
<b>Mac Cafferty</b>	✓						
				<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>20</b>	

23.9 The motion was **carried**.

**(C) RAIL CRISIS**

- 23.10 The Notice of Motion listed in the agenda was proposed by Councillor Horan on behalf of the Labour & Co-Operative Group and seconded by Councillor Morgan. Councillor Horan also moved an amendment to the Notice of Motion to reflect recent events which was seconded by Councillor Morgan.
- 23.11 Councillor G. Theobald moved an amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group which was seconded by Councillor Peltzer Dunn.
- 23.12 Councillor Greenbaum moved an amendment on behalf of the Green Group which was seconded by Councillor Phillips.
- 23.13 The Mayor noted that the Labour & Co-Operative, Conservative and Green Groups amendments had all been accepted and that the Council was happy to take it as the substantive motion. He therefore put the following motion as amended to the vote:

“This Council notes that good rail links and reliable train services to London are vital for Brighton and Hove’s economy, and the need for investment in the rail infrastructure between Brighton and Hove and London.

This Council regrets the fact that no announcements on rail infrastructure investment on the Brighton line were made in the last Budget.

This Council also notes the serious issues with Southern Rail services in recent months, leading to a protest by commuters at Brighton Station on June 14th, and the disappointing response from the Rail Minister Claire Perry MP.

This Council applauds the work done by local MPs, and calls on the city’s MPs, the Greater Brighton Economic Board, the Coast to Capital Local Economic Partnership and other relevant bodies to press the Government to act on rail infrastructure and services at the earliest opportunity and to make an early announcement to bring forward the development of BML2 (a second Brighton Main Line to London).

This Council notes with serious concern the recent closure of Brighton Railway Station resulting in unacceptable risk and inconvenience to commuters and calls on the Permanent Undersecretary of State for Transport to ensure there is an urgent and lasting solution to the problem

This Council requests:

The Chief Executive writes to the Chief Executive of Govia Thameslink railway to request that:

- GTR implement a compensation scheme for passengers as outlined by the Campaign for Better Transport
- Additional capacity is provided for the Pride weekend and start of the Albion season.

That the Chief Executive writes to the Railways Minister to:

- Set out concerns over passenger safety associated with changing the role of the conductors
- Urge the Government to strip GTR of its franchises, bring these into transparent and accountable public hands, and take immediate steps to restore services, reduce overcrowding and improve reliability.”

23.14 The motion was **carried**.

**(d) FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS ON ROTTINGDEAN HIGH STREET**

23.15 This Notice of Motion was discussed together with the petition for debate on a similar subject at item 17(b).

**(e) ESTATE AGENTS' BOARDS REGULATION 7 AREA EXTENSION**

23.16 The Notice of Motion listed in the agenda was proposed by Councillor Nemeth on behalf of the Conservative Group and seconded by Councillor Peltzer Dunn.

23.17 Councillor Cattell moved an amendment on behalf of the Labour & Co-Operative Group which was seconded by Councillor Hill.

23.18 The Mayor noted that the Green Groups Amendment had not been accepted and put it to the vote which was **lost** by 22 votes to 31 as detailed below:

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
<b>Allen</b>	✓			<b>Marsh</b>	✓		
<b>Atkinson</b>	✓			<b>Meadows</b>	✓		
<b>Barford</b>	✓			<b>Mears</b>		X	
<b>Barnett</b>		X		<b>Miller</b>		X	
<b>Bell</b>		X		<b>Mitchell</b>	✓		
<b>Bennett</b>		X		<b>Moonan</b>	✓		
<b>Bewick</b>	✓			<b>Morgan</b>	✓		
<b>Brown</b>		X		<b>Morris</b>	✓		
<b>Cattell</b>	✓			<b>Nemeth</b>		X	
<b>Chapman</b>	✓			<b>Norman A</b>		X	
<b>Cobb</b>		X		<b>Norman K</b>		X	
<b>Daniel</b>	✓			<b>O'Quinn</b>	✓		
<b>Deane</b>		X		<b>Page</b>		X	

Druitt		X		Peltzer Dunn		X	
Gibson		X		Penn	✓		
Gilbey	✓			Phillips		X	
Greenbaum		X		Robins	✓		
Hamilton	✓			Simson		X	
Hill	✓			Sykes		X	
Horan	✓			Taylor		X	
Hyde		X		Theobald C		X	
Inkpin-Leissner	✓			Theobald G		X	
Janio		X		Wares		X	
Knight		X		Wealls		X	
Lewry		X		West		X	
Littman		X		Yates	✓		
Mac Cafferty		X					
				<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>	

23.19 The Mayor then put the following motion as listed to the vote:

“This Council resolves to recommend to the Economic Development and Culture Committee that the current Regulation 7 Direction ban on estate agents’ boards in certain areas of the city under the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007 be extended to other central parts of the city where this is a significant problem, and requests that a report be brought to that Committee at the earliest opportunity reviewing other roads which may satisfy the criteria and outlining options for further introduction.”

23.20 The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been **carried** unanimously.

23.21 The motion was **carried**.

#### (f) **ACADEMIES**

23.22 The Notice of Motion listed in the agenda was proposed by Councillor Phillips on behalf of the Green Group and seconded by Councillor Littman.

23.23 The Mayor put the following motion as listed to the vote:

“This Council expresses its concern regarding attempts to convert local schools into Academies, and welcomes steps to prevent this as far as reasonably practical while upholding its legal obligations

The Council requests that the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State for Education:

- Setting out the improvements that have been made in all Brighton & Hove schools, and the important role of democratic oversight of state-maintained schools in the city in facilitating school improvement across the board.
- Calling on the Government to abandon its policy of forcing schools to become academies and to work with parents, governors, teachers and students themselves to continue to raise standards for Brighton and Hove.”

23.24 The Mayor noted that the motion had been **lost** by 11 votes to 20 with 22 abstentions as listed below:

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
<b>Allen</b>			Ab	<b>Marsh</b>			Ab
<b>Atkinson</b>			Ab	<b>Meadows</b>			Ab
<b>Barford</b>			Ab	<b>Mears</b>		X	
<b>Barnett</b>		X		<b>Miller</b>		X	
<b>Bell</b>		X		<b>Mitchell</b>			Ab
<b>Bennett</b>		X		<b>Moonan</b>			Ab
<b>Bewick</b>			Ab	<b>Morgan</b>			Ab
<b>Brown</b>		X		<b>Morris</b>			Ab
<b>Cattell</b>			Ab	<b>Nemeth</b>		X	
<b>Chapman</b>			Ab	<b>Norman A</b>		X	
<b>Cobb</b>		X		<b>Norman K</b>		X	
<b>Daniel</b>			Ab	<b>O’Quinn</b>			Ab
<b>Deane</b>	✓			<b>Page</b>	✓		
<b>Druitt</b>	✓			<b>Peltzer Dunn</b>		X	
<b>Gibson</b>	✓			<b>Penn</b>			Ab
<b>Gilbey</b>			Ab	<b>Phillips</b>	✓		
<b>Greenbaum</b>	✓			<b>Robins</b>			Ab
<b>Hamilton</b>			Ab	<b>Simson</b>		X	
<b>Hill</b>			Ab	<b>Sykes</b>	✓		
<b>Horan</b>			Ab	<b>Taylor</b>		X	
<b>Hyde</b>		X		<b>Theobald C</b>		X	

Inkpin-Leissner			Ab	Theobald G		X	
Janio		X		Wares		X	
Knight	✓			Wealls		X	
Lewry		X		West	✓		
Littman	✓			Yates			Ab
Mac Cafferty	✓						
				<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>

23.25 The motion was **lost**.

**(e) IMPACT OF BREXIT**

23.26 The Notice of Motion listed in the agenda was proposed by Councillor Deane on behalf of the Green Group and seconded by Councillor DrUITT.

23.27 Councillor Inkpin-Leissner proposed an amendment on behalf of the Labour & Co-Operative Group which was seconded by Councillor Bewick.

23.28 The Mayor noted that the Labour & Co-Operative Group's amendment had been accepted and that the Council was happy to take it as the substantive motion. He therefore put the following motion to the vote:

“This Council is concerned to ensure the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the city. In furtherance of this the Council will seek to consider (within the limitation of the law):

- Maintaining the protections afforded to Council workers that might otherwise be lost following the loss of EU Directives
- Maintaining the environmental protection standards that are currently in place in Brighton & Hove as a result of our membership of the EU, especially with regard to air and water quality.

The Council requests:

- That the Chief Executive to write to the Government's new EU unit setting out concerns with the local impact of any loss of EU funding in research, higher education, infrastructure and community support, the value of free movement of people to Brighton & Hove's economy, as well as the impact on workers' rights and the environment in Brighton and Hove if legal obligations and protections under EU law are weakened on leaving the EU
- That Officer reports be presented to future meetings of the relevant Committees setting out the likely impacts of Brexit, and recommendations on appropriate mitigation measures that could be taken within areas of each committee's portfolio.
- Request the Chief Executive to ensure Brighton and Hove plays a full part in the national feedback process initiated by the LGA on the fallout of Brexit.



- That the Chief Executive takes a proactive role in reassuring both EU and non EU Nationals in Brighton and Hove that their contribution to the economic and cultural life of the city is fully valued in this uncertain time.

23.29 The Mayor noted that the motion had been **carried** by 33 in favour with 20 abstentions as set out below:

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
<b>Allen</b>	✓			<b>Marsh</b>	✓		
<b>Atkinson</b>	✓			<b>Meadows</b>	✓		
<b>Barford</b>	✓			<b>Mears</b>			Ab
<b>Barnett</b>			Ab	<b>Miller</b>			Ab
<b>Bell</b>			Ab	<b>Mitchell</b>	✓		
<b>Bennett</b>			Ab	<b>Moonan</b>	✓		
<b>Bewick</b>	✓			<b>Morgan</b>	✓		
<b>Brown</b>			Ab	<b>Morris</b>	✓		
<b>Cattell</b>	✓			<b>Nemeth</b>			Ab
<b>Chapman</b>	✓			<b>Norman A</b>			Ab
<b>Cobb</b>			Ab	<b>Norman K</b>			Ab
<b>Daniel</b>	✓			<b>O'Quinn</b>	✓		
<b>Deane</b>	✓			<b>Page</b>	✓		
<b>Druitt</b>	✓			<b>Peltzer Dunn</b>			Ab
<b>Gibson</b>	✓			<b>Penn</b>	✓		
<b>Gilbey</b>	✓			<b>Phillips</b>	✓		
<b>Greenbaum</b>	✓			<b>Robins</b>	✓		
<b>Hamilton</b>	✓			<b>Simson</b>			Ab
<b>Hill</b>	✓			<b>Sykes</b>	✓		
<b>Horan</b>	✓			<b>Taylor</b>			Ab
<b>Hyde</b>			Ab	<b>Theobald C</b>			Ab
<b>Inkpin-Leissner</b>	✓			<b>Theobald G</b>			Ab
<b>Janio</b>			Ab	<b>Wares</b>			Ab
<b>Knight</b>	✓			<b>Wealls</b>			Ab
<b>Lewry</b>			Ab	<b>West</b>	✓		

Littman	✓				Yates	✓		
Mac Cafferty	✓							
					<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>		<b>20</b>

23.30 The Motion was **carried**.

## 24 CLOSE OF MEETING

24.1 The Mayor thanked everyone for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed.

The meeting concluded at 10.24pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2016