

Council	Agenda Item 87(a)
30 April 2009	Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

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

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

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

“This Council

Notes

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

Welcomes

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

Resolves

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

Proposed by Cllr Warren Morgan

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