

Council	Agenda Item 34 (6)
18 October 2018	Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

BRIGHTON AND HOVE AND BREXIT UPDATE

GREEN GROUP

This Council notes:

- the background of considerable political uncertainty, and continuing evidence of damage, that any form of Brexit will cause to the national economy;
- its previous position agreed in December 2017 in favour of a People's Vote.

This Council further notes that more detail is now available on the potential impact of Brexit on our local and regional economy, such as on our local tourism and hospitality sector

This Council therefore requests:

- That the Chief Executive write to James Brokenshire, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, reaffirming this Council's desire for a People's Vote;
- That Policy Resources & Growth Committee request our Chief Finance Officer and the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Culture to consider strategic risks arising from Brexit that will affect the council and city, and report on this before year end;
- That further to the above, that the Constitution Working Group be requested to review whether future BHCC committee reports are expanded to include a 'Brexit Implications' section in the body of the report, offering an assessment and analysis of any Brexit impact; and
- That Policy Resources and Growth Committee request our Chief Finance Officer to consider the advantages and disadvantages of accepting income from fees, charges and council tax denominated in Euros to protect this city's income stream and services.

Proposed by: Cllr Sykes

Seconded by: Cllr Deane

Supporting Information

Recent reports show that up to 250 local projects could stand to lose EU funding after Brexit.

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/16836123.250-local-projects-to-lose-eu-funding-after-brexit/>

City hospital bosses discuss

Brexit: <https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/16414669.hospital-bosses-to-hold-talks-on-brexit-impact/>

A survey of more than 2,700 members of Unite, Unison & the GMB found that a

majority backed a People's Vote: <https://bit.ly/2MUZowZ>