

NOTICE OF MOTION

GREEN GROUP

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE STRIKES

This committee notes:

- The recent National Education Union strikes at sixth-form colleges - which took place nationwide on 17th October and 5th November;
- the participation of two of the city's Sixth Form colleges (Varndean and BHASVIC) in this strike action;

The committee requests:

(1) That the Executive Director for Families, Children & Learning write to:

- Staff at Varndean and BHASVIC, expressing this committee's support for recent strike action;
- The Secretary of State and Shadow Secretary of State for Education: requesting information on how they plan to meet the demands of striking staff, including any plans to review the obligations for Sixth-Form Colleges to pay VAT.

Proposed by: Cllr Hills

Seconded by: Cllr Clare

Supporting information:

[1] The strike ballot for sixth form colleges closed on 16 September. 84 per cent of members voted Yes to action and Yes to saving the sixth form sector. Demands of the strike include securing the funding needed to sustain fair pay, conditions and employment at sixth form colleges - including by reversing job losses, class size increases and cuts to teaching time and curriculum provision.

[2] The National Education Union represents many teaching and further education college and university staff. Details from The National Education Union:

<https://neu.org.uk/sixth-form-colleges-ballot-and-strike>

