

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

GREEN PRIDE

That the motion be amended with the deletion of text as struck through and the insertion of text as shown in ***bold italics***.

This council notes

1. ***That the event 'Green Pride' is organised as a protest, and therefore the council does not grant landlord consent for it to take place***
2. Support ***for*** the use of medicinal cannabis and CBD oil in line with ***current*** national legislation, and the right to protest on the issue of cannabis use. ~~using areas designated by Council officers, other than when the organiser seeks to make money.~~
3. ***Safely managing protests in Brighton and Hove is the responsibility with Sussex Police***

This Council agrees to request that the:

1. ~~Request the Policy & Resources Committee to consider~~ ***alongside Sussex Police, the prohibition of the use of Council Property, including Preston Park and any other council property, park, green or open space for protests the event Green Pride as a commercial event, in which the organiser charges stallholders and accepts sponsorship, or takes money in relation to public protests; unauthorised commercial events; and events which contain an element of both.*** ~~the event, save if agreed by Council officers and to call for a report as necessary in order to be able to approve the prohibited use of council land and property as outlined; and~~
2. ***Chief Executive to write to Katy Bourne, the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner outlining that the council's deep concern with disproportionate and inconsistent policing of recent protests in the city, and to seek assurances that future protests are managed safely, consistently and with sensitivity in relation to the topic of the protest.***
3. ***Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary and Shadow Home Secretary outlining concerns with the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, which would give even greater powers to the police to restrict protests, threatening the democratic right to free speech and protest currently enjoyed by all.***

Proposed by: Cllr Clare

Seconded by: Cllr Littman

Recommendation if carried to read:

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3. Safely managing protests in Brighton and Hove is the responsibility with Sussex Police

This Council agrees to request that the:

1. Policy & Resources Committee consider alongside Sussex Police, the use of Council Property, including Preston Park in relation to public protests; unauthorised commercial events; and events which contain an element of both;
2. Chief Executive to write to Katy Bourne, the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner outlining that the council's deep concern with disproportionate and inconsistent policing of recent protests in the city, and to seek assurances that future protests are managed safely, consistently and with sensitivity in relation to the topic of the protest; and
3. Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary and Shadow Home Secretary outlining concerns with the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, which would give even greater powers to the police to restrict protests, threatening the democratic right to free speech and protest currently enjoyed by all.