## **Brighton & Hove City Council**

COUNCIL

Agenda Item 76

Date of meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

## **GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**

Council Service Delivery.

That changes are made as shown below in **bold italics** and strikethrough.

## This Council:

- Notes the high volume of complaints that Councillors receive from residents
  concerned about rightly angry about basic performance of some council
  services failing to deliver from missed refuse, recycling and garden waste
  collections; to overgrown weeds; to graffiti and litter on our streets, beaches
  and in our parks; to mismanagement of parking permits; and the general
  maintenance, upkeep and cleanliness of our city;
- Notes that the Council's own 2020-21 year-end Corporate KPI results reflect the *pandemic*, as well as demonstrating complaints from residents, and show the Council is performing below-target on the delivery of some essential services, and that some of these failures issues are systemic and long-running; and also reflect the impact of cuts to public services made by government;
- 3. Recognises the challenges the pandemic has presented, and thanks and acknowledges the hard work council staff have undertaken over the past year, particularly as less than 10% were furloughed:
- 4. Recognises also, however, that lockdown is over and despite ongoing pandemic-related challenges, residents are right to expect improvements to the delivery of council services. from the leadership of the Council.

This Council resolves to ask the Policy & Resources *Recovery Sub-Committee* to *request:* 

- 1. Urgently establish a cross-party Member Working Group consisting of six Members, two from each political party, and chaired by a Member of the official opposition on the Council. A new report to every meeting of the subcommittee outlining the council's steps to recovery in the following service areas: It would have the remit to investigate, review and discuss solutions to the systemic management failures behind the delivery of basic council services, namely
  - waste and refuse collection,
  - parking permits
  - and street cleanliness

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with the opportunity to ask questions of responsible senior officers and receive feedback on any recommendations and progress;

- and provide recommendations to the Policy & Resources Committee and the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee on ways to improve these services.
- 2. A report to an upcoming meeting of the Policy & Resources Recovery Sub-Committee outlining the council's roadmap to developing digital service delivery with inclusion at its heart

Proposed by: Cllr Clare Seconded by: Cllr Druitt

## Motion to read if carried:

This Council:

- 1. Notes the high volume of complaints that Councillors receive from residents concerned about performance of some council services from missed refuse, recycling and garden waste collections; to overgrown weeds; to graffiti and litter on our streets, beaches and in our parks; to mismanagement of parking permits; and the general maintenance, upkeep and cleanliness of our city;
- 2. Notes that the Council's own 2020-21 year-end Corporate KPI results reflect the pandemic, as well as demonstrating complaints from residents, and show the Council is performing below-target on the delivery of some essential services, and that some of these issues are systemic and long-running; and also reflect the impact of cuts to public services made by government;
- 3. Recognises the challenges the pandemic has presented, and thanks and acknowledges the hard work council staff have undertaken over the past year, particularly as less than 10% were furloughed;
- 4. Recognises also, however, that despite ongoing pandemic-related challenges, residents are right to expect improvements to the delivery of council services.

This Council resolves to ask the Policy & Resources Recovery Sub-Committee to request:

- 1. A new report to every meeting of the sub-committee outlining the council's steps to recovery in the following service areas:
  - waste and refuse collection,
  - parking permits
  - street cleanliness

with the opportunity to ask questions of responsible senior officers and receive feedback on any recommendations and progress;

2. A report to an upcoming meeting of the Policy & Resources Recovery Sub-Committee outlining the council's roadmap to developing digital service delivery with inclusion at its heart.