COUNCIL	Agenda Item 52(d)
28 January 2010	Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

PROTECTING NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING SERVICES IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE

To delete the wording as struck out in paragraphs 2 and 3 and under "This Council believes delete the wording in point 2 and replace with the wording in bold italics":

The motion to read as follows:

"Both crime and, crucially, fear of crime, are falling in Brighton and Hove.

This is, in large part, due to the model of neighbourhood policing that has been adopted by Sussex Police, and, in particular, the engagement of both PCSOs and police officers with community groups and LATs across the city. Since 2007 the number of PCSOs and police officers patrolling the city has risen~~, despite Sussex Police receiving one of the lowest levels of Government financial support of any force in the UK~~.

~~But Sussex's Chief Constable – and members of Sussex Police Authority – have warned that the force faces a dramatic cash shortfall: perhaps as much as £35 million over the next five years.~~

This Council believes:

1. That residents of the city want to see more, not less, community-led policing in their neighbourhoods;

2. That the Government should find ~~a small proportion of the sums identified for bailing out the banks~~ ***the necessary funding from appropriate sources to increase*** ~~to fund an increase in~~ the budget allocated to Sussex Police in 2010/11 and coming years;

3. That any cuts Sussex Police are forced to make should not lead to any reduction in the numbers of staff and officers employed to serve the city of Brighton and Hove – or the partnership work with this council, LATs or any other community groups.

This Council therefore resolves:

1. To ask the Chief Executive to write to the city's three MPs urging them to put pressure on Government to ensure additional funds are available to Sussex Police to ring-fence neighbourhood policing in Brighton and Hove;

2. To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chief Constable of Sussex, Martin Richards QPM, and the Chairman of Sussex Police Authority, Laurie Bush, asking them to ensure there are no cuts to the numbers of police staff or officers delivering neighbourhood policing in Brighton and Hove; and

3. To place on record its thanks to Sussex Police for all the force's efforts to improve community safety in the city, especially the force's decision to open a new public-facing police station in Hollingdean last year, and the way police staff and officers have engaged with partnership work, both with this Council and the network of LATS representing neighbourhoods across the city.

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