

# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Tourism, Equalities, Communities & Culture Committee

## Agenda Item 49 (d)

Date of meeting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

#### WOMEN'S SAFETY IN THE CITY

That the relevant changes are made as shown below in strikethrough and ***bold italics***:

This Committee:

- 1) Recognises serious concerns regarding safety of women in some of the City's public spaces, for example at Pavilion Gardens and New Road, ***partly as a result of government cuts to police and council budgets***;
- 2) Notes infrastructure improvements used by councils to improve safety in the public domain include layered lighting, ***and*** CCTV ~~and~~ gating;
- 3) Considers that such infrastructure improvements to improve women's safety in the city could be delivered through the Council's planning system through the expenditure of developer contributions;
- 4) Requests that a report be brought forward outlining how a proportion of the ~~£23,574,569 of unspent Section 106 contributions (Obligation Category); and £386,180 of unspent Community Infrastructure Levy contributions could be devoted to these purposes~~ ***officers consider whether any available current or future Section 106 or CIL contributions could be used in compliance with planning legislation and regulations to enhance public safety in the ways described.***
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Proposed by: Cllr Robins

Seconded by: Cllr Grimshaw

As amended:

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