

Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 52

Subject: Solidarity with UCU strikers

Date of meeting: 19 October 2023

Proposer: Councillor Goldsmith

Seconder: Councillor Pickett

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Green Group

This council notes:

- 1) The indefinite strike by the University and College Union against 22 compulsory redundancies being made at the University of Brighton, that began on the 4th of July, following redundancies announced in May;
- 2) Concerns that plans to sack staff risk a reduction in lecturers teaching students in education, engineering, humanities, art, media and sports science; threatening the quality of education at the university, and that 82 staff have already been made redundant to date

Therefore, resolves to:

- 3) Express its support and solidarity with the strike action, demonstrating this council's concern with the plans and urging the university to maintain a quality education offer in our city through any means possible prior to considering cutting lecturer jobs,
- 4) Request the Chief Executive to make representations to Universities UK [3] and Government, urging improved funding for local universities, particularly post-Brexit, given the Higher education sector contributes £95 billion to the economy and supports 815,000 jobs.

Supporting Information:

The Humanities programme at the UoB has been in operation since 1998.

Universities UK: Join the conversation on funding:

<https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/what-we-do/policy-and-research/publications/opening-national-conversation-university>

