

<b>Council</b>	<b>Agenda Item 65(a)</b>
26 January 2012	Brighton & Hove City Council

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **CONSERVATIVE GROUP**

#### **ACCEPT THE COUNCIL TAX FREEZE GRANT**

“This Council warmly welcomes the offer of Government grant funding worth £3 million that would enable a council tax freeze for Brighton & Hove’s residents in 2012/13. It, therefore, profoundly regrets the Green Administration’s stated intention to turn down this money and instead increase council tax by 3.5% for each of the next 3 years.

The Administration’s refusal to accept the £3 million flies in the face of public opinion. Currently, over 7,000 residents have taken part in the Argus referendum on the subject and 70% have indicated that they would like a council tax freeze. The Argus’ public-spirited campaign to consult as widely as possible with the residents of Brighton & Hove contrasts sharply with the Administration’s consultation exercise which involved only forty eight residents, whilst incurring a cost of almost £10,000.

Therefore, without prejudice to the final decision being taken at the Budget Council meeting, this Council urges the Administration to produce a Budget for the whole city which will take advantage of the £3 million Government grant and deliver a much-needed council tax freeze to the hard-pressed residents of Brighton & Hove in these tough economic times.”

Proposed by: Cllr Ann Norman

Seconded by: Cllr Geoffrey Theobald

Supported by Cllrs: Cobb, Brown, Wealls, Janio, Peltzer Dunn, Hyde, Barnett, Bennett, C. Theobald, Pidgeon, Mears, Simson, Smith, Cox, K. Norman and Wells.

