

<b>Council</b>	<b>Agenda Item 91(b)</b>
22 March 2012	Brighton & Hove City Council

## NOTICE OF MOTION

### GREEN GROUP

#### BRIGHTON & HOVE: A CITY FIT FOR CYCLING

“This council warmly welcomes the cycling campaign initiated by The Times newspaper following the collision in which their young reporter Mary Bowers was very seriously injured. The ‘Cities Fit For Cycling’ campaign has made a significant contribution to the national cycling debate both inside and outside government.

We would like to thank Parliamentary Under Secretaries of State Norman Baker MP and Mike Penning MP for their letter to The Chief Executive and Council Leader of February 28<sup>th</sup> which:

- Outlined coalition government actions to promote cycling
- Encouraged the city council to consider taking forward the points raised by The Times campaign
- Asked the city council to report back on its efforts so that they may be disseminated to others
- Invited the city council to the national conference hosted by the Department for Transport entitled ‘Creating a National Cycling Revolution’.

We note that Brighton & Hove already has a good record in cycling following investment in both cycle infrastructure, such as cycle lanes and cycle parking, and smarter choices activities such as Personal, Employer and School travel planning. These initiatives, started under previous administrations and continued by the current administration, have enabled a steady increase in the number of people cycling.

We also note that cycling offers people the benefits of low cost, healthy and efficient transport. Furthermore, the city benefits from an increase in cycling through reductions in congestion and air pollution, which contribute to a safer, healthier and cleaner city.

However, this council recognises it must do everything possible to make the city’s streets safer for cycling to avoid unnecessary and tragic loss of life such as that of Jo Walters on the Lewes Road in 2010.

This council therefore resolves to:

- Ask the Chief Executive to write to The Times pledging our support for the ‘Cities Fit For Cycling’ campaign
- Ask the Chief Executive to reply to the Under Secretaries of State thanking them for their commitment to cycling, and informing them of the measures this

council is taking to promote cycling and increase safety, including the provision of high quality cycle infrastructure, reducing speed limits to 20mph in residential areas and improving road safety education – all of which are supported by the Times campaign and the Department for Transport.

- Invite the Under Secretaries of State to visit the city to see first hand the steps that we are taking to make Brighton & Hove a City Fit for Cycling and if they are able to attend the opening of the Old Shoreham Road cycle lane at the start of Bike Week 2012 on June 18<sup>th</sup>.”

Proposed by: Cllr Ian Davey

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