

Council	Agenda Item 20(a)
19 July 2012	Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION
GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT
EQUAL MARRIAGE

To insert the wording as shown in bold italics in paragraph 1 and points 2 and 4 below:

“This Council notes the current national consultation on allowing same sex marriage between couples in England and Wales, ***and the cross-party letter sent to the Government in response.***”

This Council also notes the considerable social and economic benefit to the city resulting from the Civil Partnership Act 2004, with Brighton and Hove being the most popular place in the UK for civil partnership ceremonies.

This Council believes that same sex couples should now have equal marriage rights under law, and calls upon the Government to:

1. Change the law to allow same-sex couples to get married.
2. Allow religious bodies to conduct same-sex marriages ***where they choose to do so.***
3. End the requirement that transgender people divorce before attaining Gender Recognition.
4. ***Retain civil partnerships and*** enable mixed-sex couples to register a civil partnership.”

Proposed by: Cllr Powell

Seconded by: Cllr Jones

Supported by: Cllrs Bowden, Buckley, Davey, Deane, Duncan, Follett, Hawtree, Jarrett, Kennedy, A Kitcat, J Kitcat, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Phillips, Rufus, Shanks, Sykes, Wakefield and West.

