

<b>Council</b>	<b>Agenda Item 20(d)</b>
19 July 2012	Brighton & Hove City Council

## NOTICE OF MOTION

### GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

#### TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS ON SENSITIVE SITES IN BRIGHTON & HOVE

To insert the additional wording in paragraph two and replacement wording in point (1) below as shown in bold italics and delete the wording as struck through in paragraph 3 and point (1):

“This Council notes the powers contained in the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 that allow Sussex Police, in conjunction with Brighton & Hove City Council, to move unlawful encampments off public land in the city where they consider that (i) there is disruption to local community activity; (ii) damage has been caused to the land/property, e.g. forced entry; (iii) there is evidence of arrestable offences being committed by the trespassers; or (iv) there is proof that any of the trespassers have used threatening behaviour.

Council further notes that the recent Traveller Scrutiny Panel recommended that, as a matter of priority, the Council produce a plan for identifying and securing sensitive sites in the city. ***Council also notes the Panel’s other findings, including recognition that a new permanent site would free up temporary pitches for visiting travellers. Once enough pitches are free, the Police may use their full powers to redirect traveller groups to the transit site – rather than move groups on endlessly round the city.***

Given the ~~unprecedented~~ scale of unauthorised encampments in the city in recent months, many of which have occurred on sensitive parkland sites, this Council:

- (1) ~~Agrees that~~ ***Supports ongoing work on*** a sensitive site protocol ~~be adopted~~, in partnership with Sussex Police, as a matter of urgency and that any future incursions on sensitive sites be the subject of ~~immediate eviction~~ ***the statutory health, welfare and community impact checks prior to any decision about proportionately*** utilising the powers described above.
- (2) Believes that any areas not included on a sensitive sites list should not automatically become “tolerated” sites for unauthorised camping.”

Proposed by: Cllr West

Seconded by: Cllr Jarrett

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

