

**NOTICE OF MOTION****GREEN GROUP****A FAIR DEAL FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE**

“Brighton & Hove City Council supports the petition which calls on the Government to end its attack on local government and to reverse the public service cuts that unfairly target Brighton & Hove and will do so much damage to the city and its hard-pressed people.

Brighton & Hove is by far the worst-hit council in the south-east of England, when it comes to cuts in Central Government funding. It is, in fact, one of the most adversely affected in the country. This year, nationally, we have had the second heaviest reduction in terms of spending power of Upper Tier Authorities.

While all other councils in the south-east are being cut by less than £50 per head of population, Brighton and Hove faces cuts of more than £105; above other southern cities such as Portsmouth or Southampton, and far more than neighbouring authorities in Kent and East and West Sussex.

This comes at a time when Brighton & Hove, with its pockets of extreme deprivation, needs to be able to protect its low income people and families, who are facing iniquitous measures such the ‘bedroom tax’, benefits cap, 1% freeze in benefits, and Council Tax reduction.

The Government is simultaneously making things harder for the vulnerable people of the City and reducing the City’s ability to help these same people to cope with their changing circumstances.

If all Councillors, from across the political landscape, were to support this motion, it would help add strength to the petition from concerned local residents and put pressure on Government to give Brighton & Hove a fair deal.

Therefore this Council calls on the government to give Brighton & Hove a fair deal and requests the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer informing him of the council’s support for the petition and calling on him to take appropriate action.”

Proposed by: Cllr Littman

Seconded by: Cllr Phillips

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

