

NOTICE OF MOTION**CONSERVATIVE GROUP****PROTESTS IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE**

“This Council respects the right of individuals and groups to protest peacefully in the city. However, this right must be carefully balanced against a) the loss of trade for local businesses caused by protests and b) the cost to taxpayers of policing protests. This Council considers that the costs of the recent March for England (which for the Policing alone could amount to hundreds of thousands of pounds) and associated counter-protests were unacceptable.

Therefore, this Council resolves to request the Chief Executive to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex and the city’s Chief Superintendent requesting that, together with the City Council and key partners, a wide-ranging review is carried out into how the negative impact of protests on the city’s residents, businesses and visitors can be minimised.

The Council further requests that this review should include giving strong consideration to locating marches and protests away from the seafront and city centre locations where they do so much damage to local businesses.

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