

NOTICE OF MOTION**GREEN GROUP****2018 GAY GAMES**

“This council congratulates Sport London, a network of LGBT Sports Clubs in the Capital, which has successfully campaigned for London to be included in the final short list of three cities to host the 2018 Gay Games. It is the first time the UK has put its hat in the ring for the Gay Games, and the bid is built on the excellent job done by London in hosting the 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games.

The Gay Games started in San Francisco in 1982 and is held every four years. One of the world’s largest sporting and cultural events, it lasts seven days and covers up to 36 sports and cultural activities. It attracts around 10,000 participants from more than 70 nations. Paris and Limerick are the other two cities on the short list. A decision is expected towards the end of the year.

This council shares the founding principles of the Gay Games, which are inclusion, participation and personal best. It believes Brighton and Hove can only benefit from the games coming to London, particularly through participants and spectators making the short trip to enjoy our city with its strong and vibrant LGBT community. There is also the possibility that one of the national teams might use the city as its base.

It therefore requests the Chief Executive to write to Sport London expressing the council’s formal support for the bid.”

Proposed by: Cllr Randall

Seconded by: Cllr Powell

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

