18 July 2013

Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

CONSERVATIVE GROUP

TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS ON SENSITIVE SITES IN BRIGHTON & HOVE

"On 25th October 2012, Full Council resolved to:

"Request that the Environment & Sustainability Committee considers the adoption of a sensitive site protocol, in partnership with Sussex Police, as a matter of urgency and that any future incursions on sensitive sites be the subject of immediate eviction utilising the powers described above (Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994)."

This Council regrets that, as of 18th July 2013, the will of Full Council has not been carried out in respect of the above resolution and that unauthorised incursions on sensitive sites are still being tolerated by the Council and Police for significant periods of time, causing great disruption to local communities.

Furthermore, this Council believes that appropriate measures are not being taken by the Council and the Police to ensure that sensitive sites are adequately protected from break in, especially immediately after travellers are moved on from another site in the city.

Therefore, this Council resolves to request that the Chief Executive organise an urgent meeting between herself, the Chief Superintendent of Brighton & Hove and the Leaders of the 3 political groups on the Council to agree a robust action plan to ensure that, as the busy summer season unfolds, the city's parks, gardens and playing fields are properly protected from further unauthorised encampments."

Proposed by: Cllr G. Theobald

Seconded by: Cllr K. Norman

Supported by: Clirs Peltzer Dunn, Wealls, A Norman, Janio, Hyde, Brown, Simson, Mears, Cox, Smith, C. Theobald, Barnett, Wells, Pidgeon and Bennett.