

**NOTICE OF MOTION**  
**CONSERVATIVE GROUP**  
**ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT ZONES**

This Council believes that Accelerated Development Zones (ADZ) offer an innovative method for councils of raising much-needed funding for infrastructure investment and business growth. ADZs work by local authorities borrowing money against future additional business rate income that would be generated by new businesses following the development of new infrastructure.

Importantly, this additional income derives from new business creation rather than further taxation of existing business. ADZs are widely credited with the regeneration of industrial cities in the U.S., such as Pittsburgh and Chicago.

ADZs bring significant and additional benefits to local transformational projects which, without significant enabling infrastructure investment, would not otherwise be delivered. ADZs would, hence, have the potential to help deliver significant major projects in Brighton & Hove.

This Council welcomes the moves led by Birmingham City Council to establish an ADZ for the Birmingham city region. Research by the Core Cities Group has estimated that if an ADZ were introduced in the Eastside area of Birmingham, it would create up to 7,500 new jobs, 760 new homes and would add an extra annual Gross Value Added (GVA) to the local economy of £306 million.

This Council notes the Government's efforts to give councils greater flexibility over business taxation through LAGBI, BIDS and recent proposals for supplementary business rates, but recognises that these measures don't go far enough.

Therefore, this Council resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to:

- Write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government urging her to include provision for ADZs in the Business Rate Supplements Bill, currently before Parliament.
- Write to the City's three MPs urging them to support such a measure.

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