

Subject:	Notice of Motion		
Date of Meeting:	12 June 2008		
Report of:	Director of Strategy & Governance		
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Key Decision:	No		
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

1.1 To receive the following Notices of Motion presented at Council on 13 March 2008 and 24 April 2008 and receive any Notice of Motion presented directly to Cabinet.

11 (i) Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Duncan and referred from the Council meeting held on 13 March 2008 under procedural rule 9.2

PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

“This Council recognises the social and health benefits of responsible dog ownership, the harm caused by irresponsible dog owners failing to clean up after or control their animals, and expresses its support for preserving open access to public areas including (but not limited to) beaches and golf courses for dog owners acting responsibly.

This Council notes that:

- Dogs play an essential role in improving health, welfare and quality of life for many thousands of residents of and visitors to the city
- Proposals to ban dog walking on outlying beaches and open spaces in the city will effectively ban dog owners from accessing such spaces, since many such residents' only use of these facilities is during their daily walking of the dog
- Dog owners and walkers who fail to control their companion animals or clean-up after them are endangering the health and welfare of others. This is contrary to both national legislation and local bye-laws and should not be tolerated
- Any extension of the current ban on dogs on beaches between the two piers could force visitors to the city to leave their pets in vehicles with probable adverse consequences on the welfare of the animals concerned

This Council therefore:

- Expresses its opposition to proposals to extend the current summer ban on dogs between the two piers to all beaches within the city limits and require dogs to be on leads on other open spaces including Hollingbury Golf Course
- Resolves to take firm action against irresponsible owners who do not clean up after their dogs or control them properly in public places
- Supports the sentiment in the petition organized by local campaign group 'It's Barking Mad', the text of which follows, and which has been signed (as at Monday, March 3) by 576 people including a Member of the European Parliament, one of the city's Members of Parliament, three Prospective Parliamentary Candidates and 20 members of this council:

"We fully support the need to have some designated dog-free beaches as currently in place. We are for fair access to the beaches for all and oppose an all out ban on dogs on the beaches between April and September. We are for a crack down on fouling. We are against unnecessary dog restrictions on the promenade, the Undercliff Walk and at Hollingbury & Waterhall golf courses."

Proposed by: Cllr Ben Duncan

Seconded by: Cllr Ian Davey

Supported by: Cllr Amy Kennedy, Cllr Keith Taylor, Cllr Georgia Wrighton, Cllr Bill Randall, Cllr Pete West, Cllr Rachel Fryer

11 (ii)

BOTTLED DRINKING WATER

“This council notes that the majority of restaurants in Brighton and Hove serve bottled mineral water, and that while most will provide tap water on request, some do not.

Tap water is of very good quality, up to 500 times cheaper than bottled water and emits around 300 times less CO₂ in processing than bottled alternatives. A glass of tap water has a carbon footprint of 0.3g of CO₂, a bottle of mineral water has a carbon footprint of up to 185g of CO₂. Much of the bottled water we drink is shipped in from overseas, and shipping has been shown to have emissions greater even than airfreight. The use of bottled water too often contributes to landfill where glass and plastic bottles used to provide the water are not recycled.

This council notes the “London On Tap” campaign run by Thames Water and the Mayor of London, and the competition to design reusable carafes for use in restaurants across the capital, and resolves to consider a similar initiative.

This council resolves to encourage restaurants, cafés and hotels in the city to provide tap water on request or as a matter of course, and to encourage the use of reusable carafes which encourage people to opt for the cheaper and more sustainable alternative to bottled water.

This Council asks that the relevant committee considers whether bottled mineral water should continue to be provided within the city council and whether instead to provide tap water to councillors, staff and visitors, and also to consider a review of the use of water coolers to ensure that water used is as far as possible locally sourced and sustainable.”

Proposed by: Cllr Warren Morgan Seconded by: Cllr Gill Mitchell

Supported by: Cllrs Pat Hawkes, Jeane Lepper, Craig Turton,
Christine Simpson.

11 (iii)

Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Randall and referred from the Council meeting held on 24 April under procedural rule 9.2

Free speech and the Older People's Council

"This council applauds the excellent work of the Brighton and Hove Older People's Council (OPC).

It also notes the all-party support for local democracy expressed recently and often in the debate on the introduction of the cabinet system in Brighton and Hove.

In the spirit of this commonly expressed belief:

The council resolves to work with the Brighton and Hove Older People's Council to remove the clause from the OPC constitution that threatens with suspension any member who:

'Speaks or publishes any written work with the attention of affecting public support for a political party' or 'canvasses in the interests of any political party with the exception of delivering political party leaflets.'

Proposed by: Cllr Bill Randall

Seconded by: Cllr Ben Duncan

11 (iv)

Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Kitcat and referred from the Council meeting held on 24 April under procedural rule 9.2

Identity Cards

“This council notes that the Home Secretary has announced that some foreign nationals will begin carrying ID Cards in November 2008 with some UK citizens to start receiving the cards in 2009. The introduction of these cards will have an effect upon all of the people of Brighton & Hove. This council believes that:

1. The disadvantages of such a scheme will outweigh any likely benefits to the people of Brighton & Hove;
2. The scheme will do little, if anything, to prevent terrorism, crime or fraud;
3. The national database that underpins the identity card scheme may facilitate criminal fraud, terrorism and potential state abuses of human rights;
4. The ID card and database proposals are likely to fundamentally alter the relationship between the state and the individual. According to Government estimates, the cost of the scheme will reach £5.5 billion, with independent commentators predicting substantially higher costs. Brighton & Hove residents will be required to pay an estimated £30 for a stand-alone ID card or £93 for a passport and ID card together.
5. The city's share of the scheme's £5.5 billion cost over ten years would amount to approximately £24 million equivalent to 40 additional police officers on our streets for the next ten years.

This council resolves to:

1. Affiliate to the 'No2ID' campaign, which already includes MPs and several political parties;
2. Make representations at every possible stage, reiterating this council's opposition to ID cards;
3. Take no part in any pilot scheme or feasibility work in relation to the introduction of national identity cards;

4. Make it a policy of the council to ensure that national identity cards would not be required to access council services or benefits unless specifically required to do so by law;

5. Only co-operate with the national identity cards scheme where to do otherwise would be unlawful;

6. Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary expressing these views and asking her to reconsider her decision to push forward with this scheme.”

Proposed by: Cllr Jason Kitcat

Seconded by: Cllr Bill Randall