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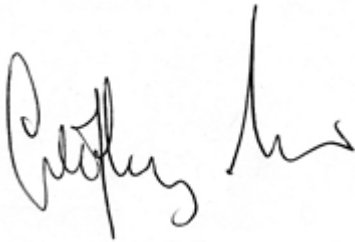
Dear Sir/ Madam

NOTICE OF MOTION

Please find enclosed a notice of motion entitled "Boosting alcohol-related policing and prevention" which was passed at the last meeting of Brighton & Hove City Council on 17 December 2015.

I would be most grateful if you could give these matters your serious consideration and respond to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely



Geoff Raw,
Chief Executive.

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BOOSTING ALCOHOL-RELATED POLICING AND PREVENTION

This council notes the proposal before the Licensing Committee to consult on introducing a Late Night Levy for the city, and the practical difficulties and costs associated with the Levy and its collection at a local level.

Therefore, the Council requests that:

The Chief Executive write to the Home Office Minister of State (Minister for Policing, Crime and Criminal Justice and Victims) and the Local Government Association requesting that, in the spirit of devolution, a proportion of revenue raised from alcohol taxation should be granted directly to local Police and Crime Commissioners and Directors of Public Health, to contribute towards the extra costs of policing and targeted support services in the night-time economy, and other preventive programmes for tackling alcohol-related harm.

Supplementary information:

A proposal was put before licensing committee on 19.11.15 to consult on introducing a Late Night Levy. Concerns were expressed by business owners regarding the impact of an additional levy on the night-time economy. A decision was deferred to gather more information regarding use of the levy in other areas.

There is a clear need for additional work to tackle harmful drinking. In June 2015, the Brighton & Hove Health Profile recognised reducing harmful drinking as a priority area. The city performs significantly worse than other local authority areas in terms of the following indicators:

- Alcohol specific hospital admissions for under 18's
- Admission episodes for alcohol-related mental and behavioural disorders due to alcohol use
- Admission for alcohol related intentional self-poisoning.
- Alcohol-related reported crime and violent crime, with the city among the worst performing 10% of CCGs for alcohol related violent crime

The impact of alcohol on public services is not exclusive to the night-time economy. Many patrons "pre-load" on cheap alcohol from supermarkets before visiting late-night pubs and clubs. Therefore it is important that any contributions to policing the night-time economy and reducing alcohol related harm are funded in a fair and proportionate manner, and that this allows for a holistic approach to addressing alcohol-related problems in the city.