

**NOTICE OF MOTION
LABOUR AND CO-OPERATIVE GROUP
RETAIL SECTOR**

This council resolves to request the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills urging the Government to give us every assistance in supporting the retail sector in Brighton and Hove, including having a strategic approach nationally to improving wages and terms and conditions in the retail sector, encouraging career progression in retail and ensuring the creation of high quality apprenticeships within retail.

Proposed by: Councillor Robins

Seconded by: Councillor Cattell

Seconded by: Councillors Allen, Atkinson, Barford, Barradell, Bewick, Chapman, Daniel, Gilbey, Hamilton, Hill, Horan, Inkipin-Leissner, Marsh, Meadows, Mitchell, Moonan, Morgan, Morris, O'Quinn, Penn and Yates.

Supplementary information:

It should be noted that:

- the recent report from the British Retail Consortium which predicts a fall in retail sector employment nationally by 900,000 by 2025;
- there is a growing importance of the retail sector for the health of the city's economy and the council finances. The proposed expansion of Churchill Square and the arrival of John Lewis, together with full Business Rate retention in 2020, mean that we should give all possible support to responsible retailers, both independent and large scale.

British Retail Consortium's report "Retail 2020" was published in February 2016
[http://www.brc.org.uk/downloads/Retail_2020_\(final\).pdf](http://www.brc.org.uk/downloads/Retail_2020_(final).pdf)

