Council	Agenda Item 107(d)
24 March 2016	Brighton & Hove City Council

## NOTICE OF MOTION GREEN GROUP

## **EU MEMBERSHIP SUBJECT**

## This Council Resolves to:

- Write to the Prime Minister expressing that, while we do not necessarily share
  his vision for the future, there are clear benefits for the residents of Brighton
  and Hove should Britain remain in the EU; and
- Therefore support Britain remaining part of the EU.

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Supported by: Cllrs Deane, Druitt, Knight, Gibson, Greenbaum, Phillips, Page, Sykes and West.

## Supporting information:

It should be noted that Brighton and Hove is better off as a direct result of the UK's membership of the EU. Millions of pounds have been invested in the city; used for example to: tackle addiction and anti-social behaviour; provide workshop facilities for younger people developing new business ideas; design housing for the city's older residents; fund vital transport infrastructure projects, including making our city a European centre of excellence for cycling.

The LEP has been given millions to: help grow SMEs; support the low-carbon economy; provide start-up support for local businesses.

The people and environs of Brighton and Hove have benefitted from European legislation. E.G. workers' rights legislation, including the European Working Time Directive, has helped protect Brighton and Hove workers; other European social legislation has introduced safeguards for residents suffering from acute mental health issues; European environmental legislation has protected our wildlife habitats; reducing the rate of destruction 15-fold; and making our successful Biosphere bid easier; it has also ensured our tap-water is safe to drink; our sea-water is safe to swim in; and helped us work towards ensuring our air is safe to breathe.

Brighton and Hove would suffer financially, socially, and environmentally, were the UK to leave the EU.

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