# Item 31 - Appendix 2

#### **ECSOSC**

Renewable energy potential of the city - Community and private renewable energy developers have real ambitions to see more renewables installed locally and are looking for opportunities here. To date there has been no large scale support or uptake of renewable energy in the city, and it seems other UK cities are moving ahead on this at a greater pace.

- O Why and what can we learn from them?
- What is the renewable energy potential here and which technologies should we realistically go for?
- o How can we overcome barriers to much more renewable energy generation?
- What support is needed to enable more generation, especially community schemes / those which have multiple benefits (e.g. environment industries sector, low income households' energy bills)?

Supermarkets – The ways in which supermarkets are working through the planning procedures, the way that small businesses are being threatened at this difficult economic time by large chain supermarkets in residential areas, and the loss of green recreational space

Dog fouling – to see if the Council needs to put in extra dog bins and to scrutinize the clean up times

State of local environment – mapping the current state of the local environment, what are the priorities for future intervention

Steps to low carbon city – what do we need to do across all sector to become a low carbon city

Biomass v air quality – look at the apparent trade-off

Commitment to 10:10 campaign - Brighton & Hove City Council 's commitment to 10:10 campaign, and the impact on carbon emissions of council services, and also in terms of education for residents

Evaluation of LIFE firefighting programme – how successful has this been, what lessons can be learnt?

Parking – Specific parking consultations/schemes, general review of the parking strategy, parking in specific roads, parking on pavements

Pedestrianisation/Congestion Charging in city centre

Pedestrian Crossings – Criteria for their introduction/how they are prioritised

Free bikes scheme – Look to see if the city could have a similar scheme to London

No-passing of buses restriction within the city – cars shouldn't be allowed to overtake buses at bus stops to ensure swifter bus journeys

Affordable Travel in the city – General review of affordable travel options

Cycling on the pavement/seafront - Brighton and Hove seem very keen to get people cycling, but there seems to be a lack of tolerance of cyclists who are keen to do just that. Hove promenade is so wide there is plenty of room for people to move along it by foot, bike or skateboard. Cyclists in a hurry should use the road, but recreational cyclists should be allowed to use the prom. Cycling on the pavement hazardous for pedestrians

Transport - reduce the number of buses, a major overhaul of the road networks and maybe provide some kind of circular tram service for the buses to connect to & create more pedestrian zones.

Lewes Road Traffic - To get the traffic on the Lewes Road moving, remove one set of

traffic lights between the Level and Saunders Park, [there are too many] and re-think the cycle lane provision on the section, the road is too narrow to accommodate a cycle lane both sides of the road, and that bit of road is almost at gridlock most days. And enforce no parking both sides. They seem to be permanent parking spaces between the Level and Sainsburys, yet they are double lined.

Give Brighton facilities for children and families that we can be proud of, the old paddling pool which was ideal in design has just been removed, and a small fancy one supplied, nowhere for parents or grandparents who accompany these children, to sit down, or toilets. it is just paying lip service to the huge demand for children's play areas. It seems the council and therefore the town doesn't want families here.

Hove Lawns – BBQ provision – Suggestion that fixed BBQs should be provided either on Hove Lawns or on the prom.

Removal of trees from wild park - Why scrutiny could not look at the situation with the removal of trees from Wild park. Consultation for Wild Park? Where did the timber go? Why is the sheep contract not put out to tender? Should there be barbed wire in a public park? Should enclosure be taking place?

Street lighting – reduce the amount of light pollution, caused by inefficient outdoor lighting, in Brighton. This, in turn, would lead to considerable financial savings.

Wheelie Bins - More households should have wheelie bins to encourage recycling and make it easier for the refuse collectors

Winter Service Plan – In view of the problems faced by (among others) older people in Brighton and Hove as a result of the severe weather last winter, we would suggest that a further review of the Winter Service plan would be appropriate: bearing in mind the provisions made by the council following the problems experienced last winter, a subsequent review of the effectiveness of the modified Service Plan during and following the coming winter would be extremely welcome by older people, and by those with mobility and/or other disabilities

Bonfires – What laws exist to prevent problem bonfires? What action does the Council take re this?

Air Quality in the city – Measure it, does it need to be improved, if so how?

Insufficient public toilets along the seafront at night e.g. Madeira Drive

Staff bus/free staff car parking – Should the staff bus be removed, do council staff need car parking

Bees - Given the worrying decline in the UK's bee population, scrutiny into how we can make B&H the most bee-friendly city in the UK. Some things a scrutiny panel on bees might consider would be:

- a) using council-owned land (eg Stanmer nurseries) to establish city hives
- b) producing city honey from these hives which can be sold to the public
- c) a review of pesticides used on council-owned farm-land
- d) seeking external funding for bee-related projects from the Co-operative's 'Plan Bee' fund, and Waitrose (who have recently given some funding to Sussex)

## **CYPOSC**

Support/outcomes for YP 16-25 from the care system – transition into adulthood Obesity in C&YP. Planning powers re fast food outlets, particularly near schools, what powers are there to stop this.

Teenage Pregnancy – What is being done to combat it?
School Appeals System – review of the current system, timescales etc

Local Primary Schools admissions – lack of school places in Hove/ lack of school places generally.

### **HOSC**

Royal Sussex Hospital Park and Ride – A P&R for the hospital should be located at the Marina.

## **CTEOSC**

The provision of Arts for disabled people In working with the city's deaf community and John Walker (Convenor of Deaf Studies, Sussex Uni), an issue has emerged surrounding the lack of theatre and cinema performances in B&H where there is provision of a British Sign Language interpreter, and the general exclusion experienced by the city's deaf community in terms of the arts. This might make a good topic for a one-day session, as per the snow scrutiny.

Music venues – Building upon mapping exercise that was undertaken. Looking at does the city have the right mix of venues, what support do smaller

Personal Finances – Advice/support available for people struggling with personal finances. Can the council/partners provide more support?

Developing B&H as a destination (party town versus other opportunities)

End of renaissance funding – Funding stream for museums is due to end. How can museums continue to be supported in the future

Innovative ways to support culture – cultural offer is important to the city, how can it be supported, how do other cities manage culture?

### **ASCHOSC**

Supported housing – does type/mix of housing meet city's needs

HIV/AIDS services – in particular the transition between child and adult services

Provision of care for LGBT elders in the city - Many older LGBT people feel they have
to go "back in the closet" when they enter sheltered accommodation or nursing homes.

Age UK have highlighted this issue, and there was recently a documentary about this
on Radio 4 ('Glad to be Grey?'). A panel might like to consider the potential for
encouraging dedicated accommodation for older LGBT people in B&H

Private Sector Letting Agents - Council on 18 March considered a Notice of Motion concerning the findings of a national Citizens Advice report 'Let Down' on the activities of private rented sector Letting Agents. In light of the CAB report findings and discussion at Council it was proposed a cross party working group be set up to look into the issues raised and that this group feed back into Strategic Housing Partnership. At the meeting of the cross party working group attended by Cllr Caulfield, Cllr Watkins, Cllr Marsh and Cllr Randall it was felt that this would be an area suited to scrutiny consideration.

Affordable Housing in the city - scrutiny into housing co-ops would be particularly welcome

Homelessness in the city - rates, support, reporting

Older Leaseholders There are a great many leasehold properties in Brighton and Hove, including some in Council owned buildings and Brighton & Hove Older People's Council is seriously concerned about the problems for older leaseholders, often associated with the service and other charges imposed on lessees by freeholders