

Council	Agenda Item 15(c)
21 May 2011	Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

LABOUR & CO-OPERATIVE GROUP

RETURN TO THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM

“On Thursday 15th July 2010 the previous Council agreed:

- (a) that it desired to return to the committee system of governance, provided there is significant local support from residents to do so following proper consultation;
- (b) for the Chief Executive of the Council to write to the Minister with responsibility for Communities and Local Government asking when the required legislation will be forthcoming and seeking clarification of the process to be followed.

Further to this agreement, the Localism Bill is due to become enacted later this year and according to advice from the Department of Communities & Local Government, it would be for councils opting to operate the committee system to decide how to discharge their functions, subject obviously to the requirement to have certain statutory committees and also subject to any regulations made by the Secretary of State specifying that certain functions (e.g. decisions on the council’s budget) should be for full council.

This council therefore:

- a) reaffirms its desire to return to the committee system, as a model for running a more effective, inclusive and responsive City Council and;
- b) wishes to put in place all necessary arrangements as soon as possible and apply to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, as soon as the Localism Bill is enacted, to return to the committee system.”

Proposed by: Cllr Gill Mitchell

Seconded by: Cllr Mo Marsh

Supported by: Cllrs Meadows, Farrow, Gilbey, Pissaridou, Carden, Hamilton, Morgan, Turton, Lepper, Fitch, Robins.

