

NOTICE OF MOTION**GREEN GROUP****THE IMPACTS OF BREXIT**

This council is concerned to ensure the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the city. In furtherance of this the Council will seek to consider (within the limitation of the law):

- Maintaining the protections afforded to Council workers that might otherwise be lost following the loss of EU Directives
- Maintaining the environmental protection standards that are currently in place in Brighton & Hove as a result of our membership of the EU, especially with regard to air and water quality.

The Council requests:

- That the Chief Executive to write to the Government's new EU unit setting out concerns with the local impact of any loss of EU funding in research, higher education, infrastructure and community support, the value of free movement of people to Brighton & Hove's economy, as well as the impact on workers' rights and the environment in Brighton and Hove if legal obligations and protections under EU law are weakened on leaving the EU
- That Officer reports be presented to future meetings of the relevant Committees setting out the likely impacts of Brexit, and recommendations on appropriate mitigation measures that could be taken within areas of each committee's portfolio.
- Request the Chief Executive to ensure Brighton and Hove plays a full part in the national feedback process initiated by the LGA on the fallout of Brexit.

Proposed by: Councillor Deane

Seconded by: Councillor Druitt

Supporting information:

The commitment was made by all parties to work closely together to ensure that the economic and social well-being of the city is protected through the current period of financial turbulence and political uncertainty

The implementation of EU laws in the UK has improved the cleanliness of beaches, led to a decline in air and water pollution, increased recycling and renewable energy,

and led to a fall in greenhouse gas emissions. The EU Birds and Habitats Directives have led to significant improvement for species and habitats. Critically for Brighton & Hove, a tough stance on air quality from the EU has forced the UK to act.

EU rules enshrined in UK law guarantee British workers four weeks paid holiday a year, 26 weeks of maternity leave, set working time limits and provide protections from redundancy, amongst many other things.