



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

COUNCIL ADDENDUM

4.30PM, THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2016

**COUNCIL CHAMBER,
HOVE TOWN HALL**

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority at each ordinary meeting of the Council.

Every question shall be put and answered without discussion, but the person to whom a question has been put may decline to answer. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion.

The following written question has been received from a member of the public.

(a) Christopher Hawtree

“Would Councillor Morgan please tell us when the maintenance and repair work will begin at Hove’s esteemed, nationally-renowned Carnegie Library, and how long this will take?”

Councillor Morgan, Leader of the Council will reply.

DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting of the Council for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes following which one Member of the Council, nominated by the Mayor, may speak in response. It shall then be moved by the Mayor and voted on without discussion that the deputation be thanked for attending and its subject matter noted.

Notification of one Deputation has been received. The spokesperson is entitled to speak for 5 minutes.

**(a) Deputation concerning Alcohol Misuse and Anti-Social Behaviour
Spokesperson Sir Ron de Witt, Chair Brunswick Town Association**

Supported by: Amy Kitching
Susan Hunter
Fiona Bower
Juliette Hunting
David Sewell

Ward affected: Brunswick & Adelaide

Councillor Daniel, Chair of the Neighbourhoods, Communities & Equality Committee will reply.

PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY FROM ALCOHOL MISUSE AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

This deputation wishes to bring to the attention of the council concerns of residents of Brunswick and Regency wards regarding the sizeable increase in drink and drug propelled antisocial behaviour.

Our residents have been experiencing a steep upsurge in levels of street drinking, alcohol related antisocial behaviour and drug crime which are adversely affecting and compromising their quality of life.

Many now describe Norfolk Square as a no go area due to the large and intimidating groups of street drinkers who gather there, drunken yobs, fighting, smashing of bottles, drug taking and drug litter, and indecent exposure by those using it as a latrine – things that are a daily occurrence. Indeed it has now been designated an antisocial behaviour ‘hotspot’ by the Police. Clarence Square has documented the same problems. One Cross Street resident came out of her house with her young daughter at 10am one morning to find 3 people injecting on her doorstep. Dealing and drug litter – needles, spoons - is regularly seen in Brunswick Road and Waterloo Street’s community gardens, with one resident finding needles so regularly that he has been practising how to pick them up safely at home. Brunswick and Palmeira Squares had problems this summer with tented communities and the associated antisocial behaviour that those brought with them.

There is a clear and well-evidenced relationship between alcohol consumption and antisocial behaviour and crime. There is also a clear evidenced relationship between alcohol availability and consumption. We want the council to play its part in helping communities in the centre of town address some of the underlying problems behind what we are experiencing.

With that in mind we have also raised a petition which I will hand and in that makes-the following requests so that the Council fulfil their duty of care to our community:

(a) Takes a firmer stance with alcohol-related Anti-Social Behaviour and uses the new enforcement contract to control drinking of alcohol in public spaces (DPP Order);

(b) Undertakes to adhere firmly to its Statement of Licensing Policy with regard to new or varied alcohol outlets in the Cumulative Impact Area (CIA);

(c) Undertakes to quickly review the licenses of alcohol outlets that breach license conditions in particular regarding off-sales;

(d) Closely monitors and advises premises with new ‘Café Bar’ licenses in the CIA with a view to minimising the risk of license ‘creep’.

Supporting Information to Item 30(a)

The Coop on Western Road has expressed in much the same terms as many residents their frustration with the lack of a visible police presence and the general feeling that our area is suffering an increase in anti-social behaviour and is at the receiving end of drug and drink abuse. The Store Manager has shared with our local Councillor Phelim Mac Cafferty, photos and footage of people stealing alcohol from the Coop who then drink it on the streets. In September the Coop recorded 21 incidents and in August, 19. Look at the vandalism, the graffiti. Talk to business owners on Western Road about how many times they have had their windows smashed. The signs of abuse are written all over the area. This is not by any means all attributable to street drinkers; much of it is yobbish behaviour by late-night drunks. And let's not forget that earlier this year there was a death when a young man was killed under a truck outside the Temple Inn on Western Road.

For a predominantly residential area we have a very high proliferation of licenses: within a 10 minute walk along less than half a mile of Western Road and through an area of less than half a square mile there are currently 67 on and off sale licenses. A high number are after midnight on weekdays, after 11pm on Sunday, and we have three 24 hour off licenses – four on a Saturday and Sunday. Couple this with increasing numbers of students, HMOs and stag and hen houses propelling the 'night time economy' - booze and drug culture is increasing and has spread from central Brighton and late night and early morning disturbance is common for residents on any given day of the week. This antisocial behaviour may be a low level threat but it blights people's lives.

Ask Stephen, a Norfolk Square resident who has a long commute to London every day and is kept awake until 3am by drunks outside – he and his partner now regularly sleep in different bedrooms because of the noise. Speak to Olive, an elderly Brunswick Road resident who has lived here for many years who has written to us saying 'I certainly cannot say I feel safe out in this area after dark'. Or to Fiona, Chair of Brunswick Square and Terrace, who said an incident she witnessed in the Coop 'would have been almost funny had the man not been so off his head, violent & angry. It's seriously beginning to feel unsafe being out on Western Road'.

There was a disappointing article in the press recently saying the Police can't investigate every incident. Our experience is that it is unusual to even see the Police – if they appear at all when contacted it is often much later and even then they don't come out of their vehicles. Richard, a Brunswick Road resident, has shared his experience of seeing a man injecting in the community garden and then throwing chairs. He called 999 and was told no-one would be attending as the nearest available car was in Rottingdean. Amy, Co-Chair of East Brunswick Residents' Association dialled 999 to report a familiar drug dealer in action to be told that no response would be provided and that whoever had said to dial 999 for drug dealing, 'shouldn't have told you that'. Amy passed this man numerous more times on consecutive days as he appeared to have made the area around The Coop his patch. Residents are frustrated and weary when it comes to reporting.

John says "In calling the police the other night, after a 30 minute wait I told the person taking the call that there will eventually be a confrontation between a resident and someone making a pain of themselves, and it may not end well."

Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne has recently been quoted as saying 'the frontline for neighbourhood policing is 'moving off the street and into our front rooms'. PCSOs offered reassurance to communities by building up a rapport and being a visible link between the police and public - reducing the number of PCSOs means we have lost this link and this is having a devastating effect in our area where we are witnessing an increase in incidents.

A paper to the 10th October Neighbourhoods Communities and Equalities committee states that total police recorded crime in 2015/16 increased by 4.5% compared to 2014/15 and has continued to rise with an increase of 11.8% in the first four months of 2016/17 compared with the same months in 2015/16. Police recorded violent crime has continued to rise in the first four months of 2016/17. That same report also highlights the major role for LATs: "...to enable communities to take a bigger role in progressing local issues and help meet local needs." LATs were set up by the police and local communities in partnerships for intelligence gathering and to build links within communities. Our area has a high turnover and a lot of elderly people, so how our LAT continues is a worry to us. Our most recent LAT just last week was attended by two senior Police Officers and three members of the Street Community teams and we saw our best ever resident turn out. Residents value highly that direct contact with the authorities.

We are aware this is a transitional period with respect to police organisation but with funding for public services being slowly withdrawn, what are the council and politicians doing to ensure that we have adequate resource to manage and respond to the alcohol related antisocial behaviour we are seeing? How will you safeguard against further licensing creep, now that the CIA has been amended to accept applications from 'café-bars'? This change leaves us vulnerable to the classic scenario whereby a venue without a license gains one with lots of conditions, then slowly loses the conditions and extends activities to become a pub/bar, which is where most money is made.

There is a clear and well-evidenced relationship between alcohol consumption and antisocial behaviour and crime. There is also a clear evidenced relationship between alcohol availability and consumption. We want the council to play its part in helping communities in the centre of town address some of the underlying problems behind what we are experiencing.

With that in mind we are making the following petition requests:

We the undersigned wish to bring to the attention of all Councillors our grave concern at the increasing frequency and severity in the incidence of Anti-Social Behaviour in the Brunswick and Regency area, and the declining capacity of Police and Council Officers to address this.

We request that Council takes the following actions to fulfil their duty of care to our community:

- (a) Takes a firmer stance with alcohol-related Anti-Social Behaviour and uses the new enforcement contract to control drinking of alcohol in public spaces (DPP Order);*
- (b) Undertakes to adhere firmly to its Statement of Licensing Policy with regard to new or varied alcohol outlets in the Cumulative Impact Area (CIA);*
- (c) Undertakes to quickly review the licenses of alcohol outlets that breach license conditions in particular regarding off-sales;*
- (d) Closely monitors and advises premises with new 'Café Bar' licenses in the CIA with a view to minimising the risk of license 'creep'.*

We request also that a written response be given to this petition.

PETITION REPORT**CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT****FAMILY HOMES NOT HMOs**

To amend recommendation 2.1 to refer the petition to the ***Economic Development & Culture Committee*** and to add an additional recommendation 2.2 as follows:

- 2.2 ***That the City Plan Part One be reviewed to increase the area of restriction from 50 metres to 150 metres where applications for conversion to HMOs will be rejected if more than 5% of current dwellings are already HMOs.***

Proposed by: Cllr C. Theobald

Seconded by: Cllr Miller

REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED**RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the Economic Development & Culture Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 17th November 2016;
- 2.2 That the Committee be requested to consider that the City Plan Part One be reviewed to increase the area of restriction from 50 metres to 150 metres where applications for conversion to HMOs will be rejected if more than 5% of current dwellings are already HMOs.

PETITION REPORT**LABOUR & CO-OPERATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT****FAMILY HOMES NOT HMOs**

To amend recommendation 2.1 to refer the petition to the ***Economic Development & Culture Committee*** and to add two additional recommendations 2.2 and 2.3 as follows:

2.2 That the Economic Development & Culture Committee be requested as a priority to consider the extension of the current Article 4 Direction area, any other appropriate measures to control the provision of new HMO accommodation, and options to further extend the licensing of private rented housing; and

2.3 That the Economic Development & Culture Committee consider whether to better align the Planning and Licensing functions in relation to HMOs and learn from other university towns as to more effective management of student HMOs and to request a report on this matter to its next meeting.

Proposed by: Cllr Meadows

Seconded by: Cllr Moonan

REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED**RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the Economic Development & Culture Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 17th November 2016;
- 2.2 That the Economic Development & Culture Committee be requested as a priority to consider the extension of the current Article 4 Direction area and options to further extend the licensing of private rented housing; and
- 2.3 That the Economic Development & Culture Committee consider whether to better align the Planning and Licensing functions in relation to HMOs and learn from other university towns as to more effective management of student HMOs and to request a report on this matter to its next meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTION

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

HMO LANDLORD LICENSING AND BUSINESS RATES

To delete the text as struck through and to add further text as shown in ***bold italics***

This Council resolves:

To request that the Chief Executive writes to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Local Government Association and local MPs to request that councils should be given powers to bring ***landlords of HMOs, landlords party houses and short-term holiday lets*** within the scope of business rates in the same way as for example hotels and guest houses are within the scope of business rates.

Proposed by: Cllr Gibson

Seconded by: Cllr Druitt

Supported by: The Green Group of Councillors

Revised motion if agreed:

This Council resolves:

To request that the Chief Executive writes to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Local Government Association and local MPs to request that councils should be given powers to bring landlords of HMOs, party houses and short-term holiday lets within the scope of business rates in the same way as for example hotels and guest houses are within the scope of business rates.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

The following questions listed on pages 41 - 44 of the agenda have been received from Councillors and will be taken as read along with the written answers listed below:

(a) Councillor Bell

“In light of the recent blunder by the Planning Department which has led to a 12.5 metre mast being erected next to a school and historic site in my Ward of Woodingdean, would the Chair of Planning Committee please explain how such an error has been allowed to happen and how many other known instances there have been if, as it has been reported, there are no checks to ensure that applicants have receipt of their planning decisions within the time period?”

Hollow apologies, from the Administration are a distraction to a systemic failure within the planning department and despite emails and phone calls we still are unable to inform our residents of what action this Administration is going to take to rectify their mistake. I respectfully request urgent action and response to this question.”

Reply from Councillor Cattell – Chair of the Planning Committee

“I am very sorry for the delay that occurred and resulted in the mobile phone mast and cabinets having received deemed approval, even though the Council opposed the proposals. This was due to an administrative error within the Council following a delay in the application being received by the Planning Department. I apologise to the residents of Woodingdean who initially opposed the application and have raised concerns and campaigned against the installation of the equipment following the works starting on site.

I am aware of three other instances in the last 10 years of other mobile phone installations gaining deemed approval in the City. I have raised this issue with senior managers who are carrying out an investigation into the circumstances behind this deemed approval and the Council’s procedures. Senior managers have met with Cllr Simson and community representatives and have contacted the mobile phone company to seek a resolution. The procedures for handling incoming post have now been changed to eliminate, as far as possible, a repeat of this unfortunate situation.”

(b) Councillor Wares

“Recently in the Argus, the Chair of Environment, Transport and Sustainability commented on her sadness at the decline of our parks and open spaces in the wake of £600,000 savings required to Cityparks’ budget over the next 3 years. What is of greater sadness is the misrepresentation of this figure. According to the Council’s budget papers, Citypark’s overall budget for the next 3 years is gross £11,061,000 of which £7,743,000 is for parks and open spaces. The

actual overall saving proposed for the 3 years is £430,000. £200,000 saving against the parks budget which is proposed as a cut in service and £230,000 saving against leisure and allotments dealt with by increasing charges and fees. Conservation and arboriculture's budget are unchanged.

Therefore, over the next 3 years, the parks and open spaces budget reduction is £200,000; nothing like Cllr Mitchell's £600,000.

Over the same 3 year period, the traveller budget is £1,839,000 of which a saving of £133,000 is proposed. The City has seen a reduction in unauthorised encampments following the £2.4m traveller site development that was supplemented with £700,000 of Council tax money coupled with the Police now responding swiftly to end them and PSPOs coming into force later this year.

Rather than Cllr Mitchell continuing with her proposed reduction in Cityparks' budget of £430,000, will she now inform us how much she intends to re-allocate from the over-funded traveller budget towards Cityparks, and how much she anticipates this will reduce her sadness and increase our residents' happiness?"

Reply from Councillor Mitchell – Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

"I would confirm that there are savings of £600k in the City Parks budget for the three years 2016/17 – 2018/19 inclusive that directly relate to parks and open spaces and are being informed by the 'Big Conversation' consultation. These savings were agreed at budget council in February 2016 and mainly comprise: new service delivery model for parks and open spaces service £200k, reduced contractor budget £38k, achieving self-managed sport and recreation facilities £250k, aligning the retained Ranger Service with the new delivery model to focus on public engagement and statutory functions £102k.

The Traveller Service budget for 2016/17 is £573k. The figure for the three years budget quoted in this question does not take into account the year on year savings being applied. In 2016/17 there was a budget reduction of £41k. Total savings agreed by council for the next three years are £133k. NB This figure may be revised as part of the budget setting process.

The permanent traveller site opened in July 2016 and the transit site opened in August 2016 with 21 pitches. The permanent site development and installation of a suitable drainage system for both sites cost just under £2.4m of which £1.74m was funded by a government grant and £649k funded by the council.

The number of new, unauthorised, encampments has reduced since the opening of both sites as expected, however, we are continuing to review the situation as part of making any recommendations to revise the budget, based on clear evidence, as part of the annual budget process. It should be noted, however, that the Traveller Services budget is held within a directorate separate from City Parks and would not necessarily be used to offset budgets elsewhere."

(c) Councillor Mac Cafferty

Preventing flash floods: Rooftops study

A roof audit study in 2014* found that there was 87 football pitches' worth of new green roof space in the city centre of Brighton and Hove.

The equivalent of up to 100 Olympic swimming pools of water could be held back from the city's roads and drains which could have a significant effect in reducing flooding and the need for infrastructure. Over 2 megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity could be saved every year on cooling costs for buildings – via reduced or avoided air conditioning.

Greening roofs would also reduce the so-called 'Urban Heat Island Effect', potentially providing an additional saving in cooling costs in the city of 1.3million kWh per annum, as well as decreased carbon dioxide emissions. New green roofs create new habitats for plant and animal species and help building energy efficiency.

Can the Chair of the Planning Committee advise on what work is being done by the Administration to bring this important study to fruition.

[*https://building-green.org.uk/2015/01/24/huge-potential-for-green-roofs-to-improve-the-centre-of-brighton/](https://building-green.org.uk/2015/01/24/huge-potential-for-green-roofs-to-improve-the-centre-of-brighton/)

Reply from Councillor Cattell – Chair of the Planning Committee

“Brighton & Hove City Plan Part One recognises the importance of green infrastructure and green roofs in enhancing biodiversity, energy efficiency and mitigating climate impacts. These impacts include urban heat island effect and flash floods caused by heavy rainfall events.

There are direct and indirect references to green roofs throughout City Plan Part One which have facilitated and encouraged the inclusion of green roofs within a number of development schemes in the city, especially major developments (e.g. The Keep, Falmer and applications on several schemes in the New England Quarter).

The council will look for opportunities to consolidate this approach in City Plan Part Two Design policies and the forthcoming Urban Design Framework planning guidance.

Opportunities for green roofs are investigated for schemes where the council has involvement in design, for example:

- The Level Cafe

New Homes for Communities Programme, there are green roofs on:

- Robert Lodge, Whitehawk
- Brooke Mead, City Centre
- And a green wall at Kite Place

The council's Architecture Team also explores opportunities for green roof applications and these have been successfully installed at:

- Downsview Link College
- Balfour Junior School
- Whitehawk Hub"

(d) Councillor Mac Cafferty

Free and accessible water in Brighton and Hove

Single-use plastic bottles expend finite natural resources, they also create transport and waste. As a seaside city, single-use plastic bottles and bottle tops add to sea pollution: 8 million tonnes of plastic waste enter the sea from land each year. Plastic bottled water is also excessively expensive for the consumer.

The public health benefits of water are widely acknowledged; 1.6 litres of water are needed a day to avoid dehydration. The Refill Project established in Bristol in 2015 works by having free and accessible tap water provided in venues across the city centre. Over 200 participating venues such as cafes, bars, restaurants, banks, galleries, museums and other businesses simply promote their participation. The public has access to free tap water.

Can the Chair of the Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee advise if the Administration will investigate the idea and bring forward a report to committee?

Reply from Councillor Yates – Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board

“As part of Sugar Smart Brighton and Hove the public health team have taken some initial steps to investigate the feasibility of a Refill style model for Brighton and Hove. We are all eating 2-3 times as much sugar as we should and we know that sugary drinks make up to 30-40% of young peoples' sugar intake. Making drinking water more freely accessible across the city is a sustainable and low cost way to improve our residents' health and reduce plastic bottle waste. The next stage is to develop a project plan including the identification of potential sources of funding. Progress will be reported through the Health and Wellbeing Board.”

(e) Councillor Mac Cafferty

Can the Chair of the Housing & New Homes Committee outline what information housing officers are now legally permitted to routinely collect on tenants?

Reply from Councillor Meadows – Chair of the Housing & New Homes Committee

“The types of personal information that Housing staff routinely collect from tenants is that which is deemed relevant and necessary to the relationship which we have with our tenants as their landlord, our legal responsibilities to them, and their contract with us.

As a data controller under the Data Protection Act (DPA), the Council is required to deal with the personal data of its tenants in a way which is compliant with the data protection principles. It has therefore put in place a raft of arrangements to ensure that the personal data of its tenants is processed fairly and lawfully and only to the degree which is compatible with the Data Protection Act.”

(f) Councillor Taylor

“The works to Westdene Library agreed as part of the Libraries Plan are now some 2 months behind schedule. Will Councillor Hamilton please tell me how this will impact on the savings in the Libraries service budget for 2016/17?”

Reply from Councillor Hamilton – Deputy Chair (Finance) of the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee

“The delays were a result of the complexities of implementing a new door access system, new IT systems and carrying out the necessary checks to ensure that everything will work effectively once the library is open. The delay to re-opening Westdene Library will not have any impact on Library Service budget savings for 2016/17. Westdene Library is now expected to re-open in November.”

Council

Agenda Item 36

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: 4 Year Funding Settlement and Efficiency Plan-
Extract from the proceedings of the Policy,
Resources & Growth Committee Meeting held on the
13 October 2016

Date of Meeting: 20 October 2016

Report of: Executive Lead for Strategy, Governance & Law

Contact Officer: Name: **Ross Keatley** Tel: **29-1064**
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

Action Required of Council:

To receive the item referred from the Council for decision:

Recommendation:

That Council agrees to submit the Efficiency Plan at Appendix 1 to satisfy the conditions of acceptance for the government's 4 year funding settlement for the period 2016/17 to 2019/20.

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

POLICY, RESOURCES & GROWTH COMMITTEE

4.00pm 13 OCTOBER 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL, NORTON ROAD, HOVE, BN3 4AH

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Morgan (Chair), Hamilton (Deputy Chair), G Theobald (Opposition Spokesperson), Mac Cafferty (Group Spokesperson), Daniel, Janio, A Norman, Robins, Sykes and Wealls

PART ONE

51 4 YEAR FUNDING SETTLEMENT AND EFFICIENCY PLAN

- 51.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director for Finance & Resources in relation to 4 Year Funding Settlement and Efficiency Plan. As part of the December 2015 Spending Review, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government made an offer to Councils to take up a 4-year funding settlement for the period 2016/17 to 2019/20. To accept this offer, an 'Efficiency Plan' was required to be prepared and published by 14 October 2016. The report proposed that the offer was accepted as it would create some certainty of resources and was consistent with the Council's approach to its Medium Term Financial Strategy, 4-year Integrated Service & Financial Plans and modernisation programme. The government guidance was clear that the plan should draw heavily on existing plans and decisions, and provide a clear link to them. It was noted that the report would be considered at the Council meeting on 20 October 2016.
- 51.2 Councillor Sykes noted that most other local authorities were expected to take up the offer from Central Government; however, whilst the flexibility around the use of capital receipts was welcome, he was of the view that the settlement offered little else that was new for local authorities. On balance he felt that the Council should accept the proposal as it would provide the opportunity for greater planning; however, he noted that the position of the Green Party nationally would be to continue to resist budget reductions from Central Government; as such the Green Group would abstain from the vote.
- 51.3 The Chair noted that the proposal fulfilled a promise from the previous Secretary of State to give local authorities more ability to plan, and he hoped that accepting the recommendation in the report would provide greater clarity.
- 51.4 Councillor G. Theobald noted that many local authorities had been asking for this level of clarity for some years, and he stated that the Conservative Group welcomed and supported the initiative.

- 51.5 Councillor Hamilton noted that the settlement usually came out in December, and he hoped this initiative would give more security and allow for better planning.
- 51.6 The Executive Director for Finance & Resources noted that the proposed response would be politically neutral, but highlight the ongoing budget pressures the authority had to carefully manage.
- 51.7 The Chair put the recommendations to the vote; the recommendations were carried with 8 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.
- 51.8 **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

That Council agrees to submit the Efficiency Plan at Appendix 1 to satisfy the conditions of acceptance for the government's 4 year funding settlement for the period 2016/17 to 2019/20.

Subject:	Single Homeless and Rough Sleeper Accommodation & Support Services Remodelling & Tender - Extract from the proceedings of the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee Meeting held on the 13 October 2016
Date of Meeting:	20 October 2016
Report of:	Executive Lead for Strategy, Governance & Law
Contact Officer: Name:	Ross Keatley Tel: 29-1064
	E-mail: ross.keatley@brighton-hove.gov.uk
Wards Affected:	All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE***Action Required of Council:***

To receive the item referred from the Council for information:

Recommendation:

That Council notes the report and resolutions of the Housing & New Homes Committee and the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee.

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

POLICY, RESOURCES & GROWTH COMMITTEE

4.00pm 13 OCTOBER 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL, NORTON ROAD, HOVE, BN3 4AH

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Morgan (Chair), Hamilton (Deputy Chair), G Theobald (Opposition Spokesperson), Mac Cafferty (Group Spokesperson), Daniel, Janio, A Norman, Robins, Sykes and Wealls

PART ONE**57 SINGLE HOMELESS AND ROUGH SLEEPER ACCOMMODATION & SUPPORT SERVICES REMODELLING & TENDER**

- 57.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director for Neighbourhoods, Communities & Housing in relation to Single Homeless and Rough Sleeper Accommodation & Support Services Remodelling & Tender. The report detailed the proposed remodelling and retendering of services to meet the changing needs of homeless people, target resources and improve the outcomes for this section of the population. This remodelling proposal included: commissioned accommodation and support services for homeless people and rough sleepers, and hostel accommodation and support services which were directly provided by Brighton & Hove City Council. It was also noted that the report had been considered by the Housing & New Homes Committee on 21 September 2016.
- 57.2 Councillor Daniel welcomed the report and highlighted the work that Councillor Moonan had undertaken as the lead on homelessness. The report allowed the authority to move forward to reduce the number of rough sleepers and the time they spent sleeping rough. The role of the authority was to do its best with the resources available and work to influence other stakeholders and the paper pulled together the evidence base. Councillor Daniel noted that from her own experience she was confident the initiative would reduce the 'revolving door' of people not progressing in hostel accommodation, and the move towards assessing rough sleepers indoors in 'pop-up beds' was seen as a humane step forward. Councillor Daniel hoped that the report could be agreed cross-party, and in closing she noted that the proposal to accommodate homeless people in empty properties during the winter was not a safe solution, and this 'warehousing' was not supported by the Administration.
- 57.3 Councillor Mac Cafferty expressed concern that the report proposed a reduction in the number of beds, and this was at odds with the aims of the initiative. He felt the tone of the report was one that sought to 'manage cuts' rather than fully address the problem. He also went on to highlight the concerns of local actions teams (LATs) and that they

expected the homelessness problems in the city to be addressed. He noted that the Green Group could not support the report in full if it proposed a reduction in the overall number of beds.

- 57.4 In response to Councillor Mac Cafferty and Councillor Sykes it was clarified that whilst the report did propose a reduction in the number of beds this was in the context of the current provision not meeting the needs of the service users in the city. The service needed to be more focused on moving people through hostels into more permanent accommodation and the report was the means to achieve this. It was also highlighted that the authority needed specialised providers of services to achieve the outcomes based monitoring and move people through to more permanent accommodation.
- 57.5 Councillor Janio highlighted the importance of the report before the Committee, and went on to add that the Council should do everything within its power to assist rough sleepers. He welcomed the report, and it was agreed that further information on the financial implications could be forwarded on after the meeting.
- 57.6 In responds to Councillor A. Norman it was confirmed that the Council worked closely with the Armed Forces Network in relation to ex-servicemen who were rough sleepers.
- 57.7 Councillor Robins noted he had sat on the original Scrutiny Panel that looked at this area, and he commended the report.
- 57.8 The Chair then put each recommendation in the report to the vote individually: recommendations 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, & 2.8 were agreed unanimously and recommendation 2.6 was agreed with 8 in support and 2 against.
- 57.9 **RESOLED** - That the Committee agree the following:
- (a) That the commissioning and procurement plans from October 2016 should be aligned with priorities within the Rough Sleeping Strategy 2016, the Council's Housing Strategy 2015, the Homelessness Strategy 2014-19, and the Council's priorities for the integration of social care and health through Better care;
 - (b) That the procurement and remodelling process outlined in the report for 2016-17 and 2017-18 be agreed;
 - (c) That the directly provided (in-house) services which are identified in Section 4 of this report be included within the tender for the new accommodation and support model;
 - (d) That Policy, Resources and Growth Committee agree to the extension of existing contracts that are included in the service re-model to ensure continuity of service whilst procurement activity is being completed;
 - (e) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Health, Adult & Social Care to procure and enter into any contract to secure effective delivery of support services for vulnerable people as outlined in Section 3 of the report, having consulted with the Executive Directors for Economy, Environment & Culture,

Neighbourhoods, Communities & Housing, Families, Children & Learning and the Monitoring Officer.

NOTICE OF MOTION

DIVERSITY OF SCHOOLS

LABOUR & CO-OPERATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

To delete the text as struck through and insert text as shown in ***bold italics***

This Council

- a) Requests the Chair of the Children, Young People & Skills Committee to write to the Head Teachers' of all the city's excellent ***Maintained Schools***, Academies, Free Schools and Faith Schools reassuring them ***and requesting*** that they ~~will~~ remain a key part of the city's diverse "family of schools" into the future ***in their existing structures***; and
- b) Asks the Leader of the Council to write to ***Secretary of State for Education*** ~~the Leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition~~ explaining the vital role that ***our*** these schools play, ***in their existing structures, working together as a "family of schools"***, in helping all the city's children and young people to achieve their goals and ambitions ***and that promoting selection in education will not reduce educational inequality.***

Proposed by: Cllr Chapman

Seconded by: Cllr Russell-Moyle

Revised motion if agreed:

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NOTICE OF MOTION**THE FAST TRACK CITIES INITIATIVE 90:90:90****GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**

To add two further bullet points as shown in ***bold italics***

The Council supports the aims of the Fast Track Cities initiative and requests that the Health & Wellbeing Board:

- Agrees the Paris Declaration of 1st November 2014 and commits the Council, with the support of health partners, to the 90:90:90 target of 90 % of people living with HIV being aware of their status; 90% of them being on antiretroviral treatment and 90% of those having undetectable viral loads;
- Agrees to Brighton & Hove becoming the first city in the UK to become a fast track city and through sustained efforts work towards the ambition of the Martin Fisher Foundation strategy “Towards Zero, HIV Prevention Strategy: Working together towards Zero new HIV infections, zero HIV related deaths and zero HIV stigma in Brighton & Hove”.
- Agrees to work to end any stigma associated with living with HIV infection.
- ***Agrees to put a plan in place to achieve this work, including a broad and thorough public engagement campaign, working closely with HIV community organisations in our city.***
- ***Agrees to investigate how the cut of 20% in HIV support services, agreed through budget council, will affect both people living with HIV and people at risk of HIV in the city.***

Proposed by: Cllr Phillips

Seconded by: Cllr Mac Cafferty

Supported by: The Green Group of Councillors

Revised motion if agreed:

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