

# **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

## **ADDENDUM 4**

### **AMENDMENTS**

**4.00PM, THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2022**

**HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER**

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# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Policy & Resources Committee

## Agenda Item 58

Date of meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

#### Targeted Budget Management (TBM) 2022/23: Month 5 (August)

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in strikethrough and ***bold italics***:

#### Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee note the forecast risk position for the General Fund, which indicates a potential forecast overspend risk of £13.114m. This includes a net overspend of £0.088m on the council's share of the NHS managed Section 75 services.
- 2.2 That the Committee note the forecast for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which is currently an overspend of £1.167m.
- 2.3 That the Committee note the forecast position for the Dedicated Schools Grant which is currently an overspend of £0.313m.
- 2.4 That the Committee note the forecast outturn position on the capital programme which is a forecast overspend of £9.030m and approve the variations and slippage in Appendix 6 and new schemes as set out in Appendix 7.
- 2.5 ***That Committee agrees in light of the comments in paragraph 12 of the report, that an urgent report be brought to the Member Budget Review Group as soon as TBM Month 6 is available, and request that the Chair of P&R calls a Special Policy & Resources Committee meeting or Policy & Resources Urgency Sub-Committee meeting should, in the views of the Budget Review Group the situation has not shown any significant improvement and that such a meeting is needed.***

Proposed by: **Cllr Appich**

Seconded by: **Cllr Yates**

#### Recommendations to read, if carried:

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# Brighton & Hove City Council

## COST OF LIVING Policy & Resources Committee

## Agenda Item 59

Date of meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

#### Cost of Living and Household Support Fund 3

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in strikethrough and ***bold italics***:

#### Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Policy & Resources Committee notes the updates on the local situation regarding the Cost of Living impact including the ongoing and planned work and actions, with statutory and Community & Voluntary Sector partners, to provide advice and support to households in need.
- 2.2 That the Policy & Resources Committee agrees that the city council should lobby government for urgent and sustained support throughout the Cost of Living crisis including:
  - Fully funding Cost of Living pay increases for schools and local government in the current year and 2023/24;
  - Immediately increasing the minimum wage in line with September 2022 inflation;
  - Reintroducing a top-up to Universal Credit of £20 pw until at least March 2024;
  - Introducing a rent freeze or cap to reduce the incidence of evictions and homelessness, as has been done by the Scottish Government;
  - Providing increases in Local Housing Allowance rates in line with rent increases and welfare benefits in line with RPI to ensure that they keep pace with inflation as a minimum;
  - Reintroducing a temporary ban on evictions during this exceptional inflationary period (until at least March 2024); and
  - Providing Free School Meals for every primary school child in England, and the city council will endorse this lobbying point by signing the [Free School Meals For All Open Letter](#) to the Prime Minister.
- 2.3 That the Policy & Resources Committee agrees that the city council should formally support the #BusinessSOS campaign and further recommend to government the measures and support for small and medium-sized enterprise (SME). The campaign has seen over 150,000 businesses from across the UK lobbying the government to support small and medium sized businesses by taking the following actions;
  - Suspension of Covid loan debt repayments for up to two years (with potential eligibility criteria);

- Reduction of tourism VAT to 5% (i.e. holiday and hospitality services and packages), and;
  - Introduction of dedicated Business Grant support for SMEs and pubs to help with costs over the winter (with potential eligibility criteria).
- 2.4 That the Policy & Resources Committee agrees that the council will work with the city's MPs to lobby for:
- Extension of business rates relief for all SME's and pubs – using usual Treasury relief mechanisms
  - Reduction of VAT on energy for businesses to 5%
  - Energy prices to return to 2021 levels for SME's and pubs
- 2.5 That the Policy & Resources Committee agrees that the council will work with local business representatives to understand their members' concerns and work with them to continue supporting small businesses. These representatives include Brilliant Brighton (the local Business Improvement District - BID), the BH Economic Partnership, BH Chamber of Commerce and BH Federation of Small Business.
- 2.6 That the Policy & Resources Committee instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, advocating for the advantages and business literacy of adopting the Brighton Hove Living Wage.
- 2.7 That the Policy & Resources Committee agrees the council will work with regional public and private sector partners in the Greater Brighton Economic Board to assess the impact of the cost of living to support local SME businesses through sharing intelligence and offering mutual support.
- 2.8 That the Policy & Resources Committee agrees the approach to developing potential warm banks for use over the winter period, including working with the Community & Voluntary Sector regarding their assets, as set out in paragraphs 5.9 to **Error! Reference source not found.**
- 2.9 That the Policy & Resources Committee agrees the proposed communications campaign set out in Section **Error! Reference source not found.** to promote awareness of available advice and support for those in need, and to re-promote charitable giving toward the Cost of Living crisis from those who are able and willing to help.
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- 2.11 That the Policy & Resources Committee approves the proposed indicative allocation of HSF tranche 3 as set out at paragraph 10.7, noting the associated Equality Impact Assessment at Appendix 1
- 2.12 That the Policy & Resources Committee agrees that officers may make

adjustments to allocations where there is evidence of changing need throughout the 6 month period of HSF3, to ensure that all of the fund is spent

**2.13 That the Policy & Resources Committee agrees that the Council has a leadership role to play in co-ordinating support for residents across the city through this crisis. We agree to bring key partners together in a urgent 'Cost of Living Crisis Summit' to request commitments from the city's anchor institutions of how they can help to build longer term community resilience. This summit should bring together key stakeholder organisations in Brighton & Hove, including:**

- **Financial advice and support organisations such as Citizens Advice Bureau, Money Advice Plus and the Credit Union**
- **Large private sector anchor institutions such as Legal & General, American Express, Brighton & Hove Football Club, Sussex County Cricket Club and others**
- **Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership**
- **Brighton & Hove Food Partnership**
- **Community Works**
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- **The local NHS Integrated Care Board**

Proposed by: **Cllr Allcock**

Seconded by: **Cllr Evans**

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  - Brighton & Hove Food Partnership
  - Community Works
  - Local Trade Unions
  - The local NHS Integrated Care Board



# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Policy & Resources Committee

## Agenda Item 60

Date of meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

#### Allocation of Carbon Neutral Fund 2022-24

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in strikethrough and ***bold italics***:

#### Recommendations

- 2.1 That Committee agrees the allocation of £7,808,990 of the Carbon Neutral Fund to the climate action and biodiversity projects as set out in Appendix 1
- 2.2 ***That Committee agrees officers report back to Policy & Resources within three months, outlining the projected measurable carbon savings to be made by each of the projects in Appendix 1 and associated with the aforementioned allocation of funds, to allow the committee to scrutinise and ensure that funds are being spent in such a way as to measurably maximise carbon reduction in pursuit of carbon neutrality by 2030.***

Proposed by: **Cllr Allcock**

Seconded by: **Cllr Yates**

#### Recommendations to read, if carried:

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### LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

#### Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy and Tender Evaluation Weightings

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in strikethrough and ***bold italics***:

#### Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Policy & Resources Committee approves the Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy set out at Annex 1 on behalf of BHCC.
- 2.2 That Policy & Resources Committee delegates authority for approving any future changes to the policy to comply with legislative changes, or to ensure alignment with other approved changes to procurement policies and practice to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Procurement Advisory Board.
- 2.3 That Policy & Resources Committee approves setting a default minimum sub criterion weighting of 10% of the quality criteria for environmental sustainability, (~~with the expectation of a significantly higher percentage weighting in sectors where this can be easily achieved, such as catering and cleaning~~), and approves the recommendations at 3.14 and 3.15 below.
- 2.4 ***That Committee instructs officers to report back to Policy & Resources with a progress update in 18 months to outline what has been achieved.***

Proposed by: **Cllr Evans**

Seconded by: **Cllr Appich**

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### LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

#### Future Ways of Working

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in strikethrough and ***bold italics***:

#### Recommendations

- 2.1 That Committee agrees to the programme expenditure of £0.223m for office and workspace equipment as described in paragraph 3.6 below to be funded from the council's Modernisation Fund
- 2.2 That Committee notes the continuation of the Future Ways of Working (FWOW) programme ***and requests officers submit a report by the end of the financial year to Policy & Resources Committee for approval outlining:*** ~~including the objective to review and rationalise our workspace, to match our hybrid working requirements, through a future Accommodation Strategy.~~
- A Terms of Reference for the programme
  - A 'Working Asset Strategy' outlining the council's ten year requirements of operational capital assets linked to the above and;
  - A 'Customer Service Strategy' outlining the council's ten year approach to customer service options and improvements

Proposed by: **Cllr Yates**

Seconded by: **Cllr Appich**

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