

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM 4

4.00PM, THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2022

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Brighton & Hove City Council

Policy & Resources Committee

Agenda Item 75(d) (i)

Subject: Council Fees and Charges

Date of meeting: 1 December 2022

Proposer: Councillor Allbrooke
Seconded: Councillor Hugh Jones

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Conservative Group

This committee:

- 1) Recognises the financial strain that many residents are currently experiencing ***due to decisions of the Government including the impact of the mini budget on mortgage interest rates which affects home-owners and renters alike;***
- 2) Notes that Council Fees and Charges in many cases contribute to this strain. ***due to 12 years of cuts, which have led to all councils having to explore additional revenue streams. In Brighton and Hove this is to replace over £100m of revenue support grant lost since 2010 ;***
- 3) Further notes that the Council's Fees and Charges have risen ~~excessively compared to surrounding local authorities~~ ***similarly to comparator local authorities due to the financial strain all local authorities are facing after the impact of Government cuts and financial decisions referred to at 1) and 2) above;*** and
- 4) ~~Calls on~~ ***Notes that*** Officers to highlight the Fees and Charges which ***and how they*** compare ~~unfavourably~~ with those of surrounding ***comparator*** authorities in their reports so that this information can be considered by Committees when setting future Fees & Charges.

Supporting Information:

If carried would read:

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- 4) Notes that Officers to highlight the Fees and Charges and how they compare with those of comparator authorities in their reports so that this information can be considered by Committees when setting future Fees & Charges.

Brighton & Hove City Council

Policy & Resources Committee

Agenda Item 76

Date of meeting 1st December 2022

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

Targeted Budget Management (TBM) 2022/23: Month 7 (October)

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 £11.637m. This includes an underspend of £0.208m on the council's share of the NHS managed Section 75 services.
- 2.2 Note the expected provision required in relation to the academisation of Homewood House of £0.250m as set out in paragraph 9.8.
- 2.3 That the committee note the forecast for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which is currently an overspend of £1.173m.
- 2.4 That the committee note the forecast position for the Dedicated Schools Grant which is currently an overspend of £0.094m.
- 2.5 That the committee note the forecast outturn position on the capital programme which is a forecast underspend of £0.393m and approve the variations and slippage in Appendix 6 and new schemes as set out in Appendix 7.
- 2.6 ***That the committee notes that further urgent work is required to balance the budget within the current financial year.***
- 2.7 ***That the committee requests officers report back to service committees and January Policy & Resources Committee, listing the actions they are taking within their directorates under officer delegations together with a list of further recommended actions that could be taken this year to bring the budget under control, including consideration of bringing forward proposed rises to fees and charges and the proposed reduction in payments of concessionary bus fares support to bus companies operating in the Brighton & Hove area in to this financial year – subject to legal advice.***

Proposed by: **Cllr Appich**

Seconded by: **Cllr Yates**

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