



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# **COUNCIL ADDENDUM**

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**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**



## **ADDENDUM**

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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) Mr Christopher Hawtree**

“Could Councillor Smith please tell us whether there is a designated Music Librarian at each of Brighton’s Jubilee Library and Hove’s Carnegie Library?”

**Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism, will reply.**

“There are no posts dedicated specifically to music in either library. Instead we have teams of staff in each library who have been trained to answer music enquiries. We also have some more experienced staff in both libraries who are able to deal with more specialist enquiries.”



**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 road safety in Carlyle Street**

**Mr Gerry Kassab** (Spokesperson)

"I believe the local authority has a "duty of care" to successfully manage traffic flows and to minimise the adverse impact of traffic into residential areas i.e. keeping traffic moving along the main arterial roads within the city – in our case Elm Grove and Queens Park Road.

The local authority must have undertaken a risk assessment and monitored traffic volumes and concluded that Carlyle Street needed to be a 20mph and a one-way street with speed bumps.

My assertion is whilst these measures were appropriate at the time; they are now ineffective in dealing with the increase in traffic speeds, volumes and types of vans/trucks and lorries.

Also, the elapse time of disturbance is much longer – we are not only dealing with traffic disturbances during the peak rush hour periods but this can extend throughout the night and into the early hours.

The level of minor damage caused to our parked cars – wing mirrors being hit and minor scrapes, which normally go unreported to the police, is forcing more residents to park their cars onto the pavements, not only obstructing our pavements but inadvertently making it easier for cars to speed up the street.

All of the above are significantly adversely impacting on residents of Carlyle Street quality of life."

**Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment, will respond.**



**WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The following questions listed on pages 45 – 48 of the agenda have been received from Councillors and will be taken as read along with the written answer detailed below. The Councillor asking the question may then ask one relevant supplementary question which shall be put and answered without discussion. A second supplementary question may be asked by any other Member of the Council which shall also be put and answered without discussion:

**(a) Councillor Davey**

“Could the Cabinet Member for the Environment please tell me how many petitions, letters or other requests for speed limit cuts have been submitted to the council by residents and councillors since they formed the administration in May 2007?”

**Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

“Records show that officers receive an average of approximately three a month.”

**(b) Councillor Kitcat**

"Can Councillor G Theobald explain to the meeting his priorities for the seafront area and how he intends to implement them?"

**Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

“Thank you for your question and I welcome the opportunity to highlight the importance of the Seafront.

Priorities are already being met on the Seafront including a safe and clean environment for all to enjoy by the day to day work of the Seafront and City Clean staff. The addition of the summer Seafront Office in Hove has been a much welcomed development to the service.

The restoration of the Western Bandstand has been a hugely popular project, especially with the general public, and there has been tremendous interest from bands who want to play in next year’s programme of concerts.

Madeira Drive is a focal point for current work being undertaken and the development of a vision for the area. Lighting in the colonnades has been improved and the second phase of restoration works has started on the Madeira Lift in order that it can be completed for next season. In addition, plans are currently being developed for the replacement of the Volk’s railway siding sheds to utilise the funding allocated in the capital programme.

A further priority will be to seek expressions of interest in the area of land near to the Yellowwave Beach Sports Centre to replicate the success of that facility.

Planned maintenance resources are also being prioritised with work currently being undertaken on shelters along Marine Parade. Further work will also take place on other shelters and railings before next season.

**(c) Councillor Kitcat**

"Councillor G Theobald will be aware of the rust on the seafront bandstand which recently had to be repainted. Can the Councillor explain why rust is already visible? I understand recent touching up was done at no cost to the Council but what will be the cost of ongoing maintenance of the bandstand and how will that cost be met?"

**Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

"With the complex restoration of such an intricate historical structure, it is not unusual for some areas to need further attention. These are resolved as part of the year long rectification period and the contractor does meet the cost of the work during this period.

There will be an annual maintenance plan to undertake maintenance works as required. These works will be procured as part of the planned maintenance budget for the seafront. We will therefore ensure that the impressive, and popular, restoration will be retained."

**(d) Councillor Kitcat**

"Would Councillor G Theobald be so kind as to provide the meeting with the cost per tonne this year to the Council to recycle paper and the average price per tonne received by our contractors for the sale of that paper on the open market?"

**Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

"The cost associated with the collection and processing of recycling this year is projected to be £160 per tonne. This is a saving to council taxpayers as if we landfill too much biodegradable waste - which includes paper - we face fines of £150 per tonne, this is in addition to disposal costs of £144 per tonne.

The average income per tonne of paper recycled is approximately £28 of which the council receives half, £14."

**(e) Councillor Steedman**

“Through a process of public workshops and expert research and analysis, leading sustainability consultants BioRegional, working with council officers, prepared a first draft of a One Planet Living Plan for Brighton and Hove. The draft Plan, funded by thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money, matched by a generous equivalent donation of time from BioRegional, began to set out how the Council, its partners and the residents of the city could work to create a sustainable Brighton and Hove, with a high quality of life, living within its ecological means. Could the Leader of the Council confirm that her Administration has now abandoned this work and has no intention of adopting a revised final draft of the Plan, or of achieving One Planet Living status for the city?”

**Reply from Councillor Mears, Leader of the City Council.**

“The draft plan has been helpful, and has provided us with valuable data on the potential avenues that will lead to a sustainable future. But we must choose these paths with care. While the draft plan has already proved its value in shaping the City Sustainability Partnership’s responses to various strategies, it is overambitious to the point of being unrealistic and we simply cannot sign up to everything in it. The Partnership can continue to work with the plan and the council will pick the very best elements from it, so the work put in is far from wasted.”

**(f) Councillor Turton**

“Can the Cabinet Member for Environment please state what is the total amount of money that has been received between 20<sup>th</sup> August and 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009 from Penalty Charge Notices and towed away vehicle recovery fees specifically related to the Conservative Administration’s voluntary decision to start the issuing of fines and to tow-away vehicles parked more than 50cms from the kerb, as decided at Environment CMM on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2009?”

**Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

“Between 20 August and 24 September 228 Penalty Charge Notices were issued to vehicles for being parked more than 50cm away from the pavement, ie double parking. So far £3,850 has been paid towards these PCNs.

All PCNs for this offence of double parking were issued after a five minutes observation period.

Eight vehicles have been removed for being double parked during this period and £735 has been paid towards the release of these vehicles.”

**(g) Councillor Turton**

“To ask the Cabinet Member for Housing to confirm when kitchen and/or bathroom refurbishment will commence on the Bristol Estate and why this did not happen in the current financial year despite the assurances of council officers that this would be the case?”

**Reply from Councillor Caulfield, Cabinet Member for Housing.**

“Brighton & Hove is projecting a 9.4% increase in the number of homes that meet the decent homes standard during 2009/10, which will result in 61.5% homes meeting the standard. During 2009/10, over 400 kitchens and 400 bathrooms are being installed across the city as part of an increased £20million capital investment programme

To avoid raising tenant’s expectations in terms of the proposed kitchens and bathroom installations, the council has always stated that it is the council’s objective to bring its housing stock up to the government’s decent homes standard by 2014.

To achieve this target we are prioritising properties that are outside of the decent homes standard on an annual year by year priority basis.

An indicative programme of homes that need to be prioritised for decent homes work is produced from our asset data. Homes on this indicative programme are individually surveyed and subsequently the decent homes criteria is applied to decide whether a property requires a kitchen and or a bathroom installed. It is not our intention to renew every kitchen and bathroom but only those that do not meet the overall decent homes replacement criteria.

I can confirm that the decent homes programme of kitchen and bathroom works will begin on the Bristol Estate at the start of financial year 2010/11 and will if needed continue on an incremental year by year basis through to the 31 March 2013.

Surveying work will commence in February and March 2010, to ensure that we start some of the work in early April.”

**(h) Councillor Turton**

“To ask the Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation and Tourism what public and staff consultation has taken place over the future of temporary exhibitions and craft related activity at Hove Museum & Art Gallery from September 2010?”

**Reply from Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism.**

“Questions about temporary and permanent exhibitions are included in the visitor surveys these show craft, toys and local history displays are rated

important by visitors and that temporary exhibitions, a desire to see the whole museum, and somewhere to bring children are key motivators for visits.

Funding for the current craft programme lasts till March 2010. We are looking at how we deliver craft activity for the city in different ways as funders have always been keen to see craft activity take place across the division. Two very positive plans are:

- Houses during Brighton Festival. Building on the craft shows held in Preston Manor in 2007 and 2008, this project has received a grant of £30k
- We have successfully attracted a national award museummaker for a commission for the Royal Pavilion for 2010-11.

At Hove we are developing plans for programming post September 2010 which can be achieved within current resources and in particular looking at how in line with council priorities and national directives for museums we can grow and broaden the family and local community audience and draw on our own collections. There will be consultation on these when they are developed. These programmes may be based on any of our collections including craft and could include exhibitions, events and other activities.

Staff are involved in decision making processes through representation via line management structures at meetings and discussions.”

**(i) Councillor Davis**

“Prior publicity for the White Air Festival suggested that 20,000 tickets would be on sale for each of the three days and ‘tens of thousands’ more were expected to watch from outside the festival grounds. Would Councillor Smith share with us his estimate of how many people attended this event and how much it is likely to have contributed to the local economy?”

**Reply from Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism.**

“Thank you Councillor Davis for your question on the White Air Extreme Sports Festival.

The estimate is that 15,000 people actually enjoyed the Festival itself and many more did enjoy the Red Arrows display over the city.

As this was the first time the event was held in the city the organisers were pleased with attendance, even though the numbers were lower than their optimistic forecast. There were 38 different sports available many involving local clubs which would give the event a good base to develop in future years.

The current economic climate has certainly adversely affected Festival attendances and therefore to move such a large scale event to the city at this time was always going to be a challenge. The benefit to the local economy would have been significant, but without a full economic impact assessment being undertaken it is not possible to identify an actual contribution to the local economy.”

**(j) Councillor Fallon-Khan**

“Now that Councillor Duncan is the Council’s sole representative on the Sussex Police Authority, will he give a commitment to report back to Cabinet on a regular basis on how his work is benefiting the residents of Brighton & Hove?”

**Reply from Councillor Duncan.**

“Firstly, I thank Councillor Fallon-Khan for this opportunity to highlight some of the work I have been doing on behalf of the city’s residents as a member of Sussex Police Authority, on which I hold ‘lead member’ status on reducing alcohol-related harm, environmentally sustainable policing, and the independent custody visiting scheme, which seeks to maintain high standards in police detention. As well as promoting work in these three areas, I have successfully introduced budgetary amendments that have seen more police officers and PCSOs on our streets and in our communities, I have worked to strengthen the way neighbourhood policing is delivered across Brighton and Hove, championed community engagement and overseen the move towards more police engagement with community groups, and the strengthening of the city’s Local Action Teams, and I have sought to improve facilities for victims of crime, particularly domestic violence and sexual offences.

With the permission of the Mayor and Chief Executive, I’d be delighted to provide regular updates at future Full Council meetings, as this council’s sole representative on the Sussex Police Authority – but I represent the whole council and all residents of the city rather than the Administration so I don’t think reports to Cabinet would be appropriate.

Meanwhile, I’ll be delighted to keep all Members informed of my work at the SPA through the existing channels of the Community Safety Forum and, where appropriate, the Environment and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee.”

**(k) Councillor Caulfield**

“Could Councillor Mitchell please explain to Council why the Commission which she chairs did not feel that it was in the best interests of the residents of East Brighton to scrutinise the financial arrangements and public accountability of EB4U and the East Brighton Trust, organisations which have been funded solely from taxpayers’ money?”

**Reply from Councillor Mitchell, Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Commission.**

“As Councillor Caulfield will be aware decisions regarding topics for scrutiny are made by Committees as a whole and not by Committee Chairs.

Following her letter requesting a scrutiny review of EB4U and the East Brighton Trust the Overview and Scrutiny Commission conducted a thorough and full debate as to whether this was an appropriate use of Member and officer time and resources.

It is the role of scrutiny committees to prioritise in-depth scrutiny panel work to ensure that the topics with clear and worthwhile outcomes are the ones that are taken forward and reviewed.

In the case of EB4U there were a number of factors that meant the Commission did not feel able to support Councillor Caulfield’s request.

- There has already been scrutiny of the EB4U programme, Chaired by Councillor Young and reporting in 2005;
- EB4U was a Government funded initiative and therefore the Council has had limited influence over its management;
- The Commission felt that there was not enough factual evidence presented to it by Councillor Caulfield to support her request.

Additionally I would say the door was left open to Councillor Caulfield to provide further evidence regarding local residents’ dissatisfaction with the project and the Commission would then consider again looking at the issue. I am not aware however that this further information has been forthcoming.”

**(I) Councillor West**

“Following the lively and poignant events of car-free day, Councillor Theobald remarked in the Argus that his administration’s transport policy is "all about offering choice of forms of transport to make it as easy as possible for people to get around the city." What exactly does he mean by this: to make it easier for people to choose to drive into the city centre?

**Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

“In the quote in The Argus I used the phrase ‘choice of forms of transport’ and my statement was quite self-explanatory. I did not mention any specific form of transport because I meant what I said: it’s about choices and opportunities for all our residents, workers and visitors, using all forms of transport.”

**(m) Councillor West**

“For residents living around Preston Circus, Lewes Road and elsewhere, where air pollution from vehicle exhaust is at dangerous levels, what choice does Councillor Theobald offer them to breathe more easily?”

**Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

“Our Air Quality Action Plan which is an integral part of the Local Transport Plan and is a statutory requirement of the Environment Act, that sets out measures that will assist in overcoming such problems.”

**(n) Councillor West**

“The Lewes Road for Clean Air Campaign have measured that nearly 75% of vehicles using Lewes Road are private cars and of those 60% are carrying just one driver. What will Councillor Theobald do to promote car sharing or to persuade people travelling alone to make their journey by sustainable alternatives? Will he seek to introduce a comprehensive rapid transit network around the city?”

**Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

“Thank you for this and the previous question connected to the Lewes Road Clean Air Campaign’s survey of cars, specifically in the Lewes Road.

Car sharing is one of many options that the council promotes in its work with businesses and schools to encourage different ways of travelling for certain journeys. Car sharing may not be convenient for everybody, but if people are aware of it then they may try it.

And it does work - by working together with the council, 25% of the Lloyds TSB workforce at City Park have signed up to Liftshare.com - a popular car sharing scheme. The council’s own Staff Travel Plan also includes car sharing and there is a car share section on the JourneyOn website.

We also work with schools to encourage car sharing – it can work regularly for staff or be arranged more informally by parents helping one another out, provided of course that child seats are fitted and secured correctly.

And over the past year, car use has decreased slightly for journeys to Brighton and Hove’s schools.

Turning to public transport, you will know that we have an excellent network of buses in the city which currently carries around 40 million passengers per year, and some routes operate at very high frequencies. I use them whenever I can.

There are no plans for a rapid transport network around the city unless you mean the Rapid Transport System (known as RTS but now referred to as the Coastal Transport System [CTS]). This will initially provide an additional east-west public transport link between the Marina, Brighton Station, Shoreham and Worthing.”

**(o) Councillor Duncan**

“Is the Cabinet Member responsible for public lavatories aware that the closure of the public lavatory adjacent to St Mary’s Church on Upper St James’s Street has left many vulnerable and older residents of the Queen’s Park Ward unable to visit the businesses, services and leisure facilities offered in the St James’s Street area?”

**Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

“The site at Upper Rock Gardens previously contained automatic public toilets which were supplied and maintained by a private company (Healthmatic Limited). The contract for this unit came to an end in September 2008 and the company therefore removed their property in November last year.

The unit was prone to misuse and anti social behaviour on a regular basis which often resulted in the units being shut down for maintenance. Since its removal only one enquiry regarding its closure has been received.

We are currently investigating the feasibility of offering this site for commercial use with the aim of the incoming tenant taking over operation and maintenance of a single disabled accessible unit, to be available to the general public during business hours.

We also run a community toilet scheme called “You’re Welcome” which encourages local businesses to let the public use their facilities without making a purchase. We are actively seeking participation in the Kemp Town area however there are alternative public toilets available at Queens Park or on Madeira Drive.”

**(p) Councillor Duncan**

“Does the Cabinet Member share my gratitude for the work of the seafront staff and lifeguards, and desire to see sea swimming promoted as a healthy and free sporting and leisure opportunity?”

**Reply from Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism.**

“Thank you Councillor Duncan for your question. I also do appreciate the valuable work undertaken by the Seafront Staff including the lifeguards.

Our extremely busy seafront, particularly over the summer period leads to the team dealing with an array of incidents as they work hard to keep the seafront safe for residents and visitors. In the last financial year the team dealt with 3168 incidents from minor first aid to sea rescues.

I agree that swimming is a very positive activity, but the provision of the free swimming programme (over 10,000: 16 and unders, over 3000: 60+ registered) encourages the development of swimming skills in the safer indoor environment than the sea. This complements the learn to swim programmes available at the city's pools. Therefore, the promotion of swimming development is targeted at giving people the opportunity to develop their skills in indoor pools, so that they can use their skills to swim in the sea safely as they wish."

**GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**

It is proposed that following the result of the Goldsmid By-election, there is a need to take into account the equality of seats on the Council held by the Green and Labour Groups. To this end it is proposed that the Green Group should be allocated an additional Scrutiny Committee Chair and Deputy Chair post as shown in bold below.

**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 To consider the proposed changes to the make-up and membership of various committees following the result of the Goldsmid Ward By-election.
- 1.2 To consider the reallocation of chair and deputy chair positions on the scrutiny committees following the result of the by-election.**

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the revised memberships of the Council's Licensing and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committees be agreed as follows:
- (a) Licensing Committee on the basis of 7 Conservative, 3 Labour, 4 Green and 1 Liberal Democrat Member; and
- (b) Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the basis of 3 Conservative, 2 Labour and 3 Green Members.
- 2.2 That the reallocation of the positions of chairs and deputy chairs on the scrutiny committees be agreed on the basis of two chairs and two deputy chairs being held by each of the 3 main Groups;**
- 2.3 That in accordance with (2) above, a Green Member of the Council to be determined for the relevant posts highlighted in bold below by the relevant committees:**

**(a) Scrutiny Chairs**

Overview & Scrutiny Commission	- Labour
Adult Social Care & Housing	- Labour
Children & Young People	- Conservative
Culture, Tourism & Enterprise	- Green
<b>Environment &amp; Community Safety</b>	- <b>Green</b>
Health	- Conservative

**(b) Scrutiny Deputy Chairs**

<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Commission</b>	-	<b>Green</b>
Adult Social Care & Housing	-	Green
Children & Young People	-	Labour
Culture, Tourism & Enterprise	-	Conservative
Environment & Community Safety	-	Conservative
Health	-	Labour

Proposed by: Cllr Bill Randall

Seconded by: Cllr Keith Taylor

**NOTICE OF MOTION****CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT****INCLUSIVE TRANSPORT PLANNING  
A CITY-WIDE TRANSPORT FORUM FOR BRIGHTON AND HOVE**

To delete paragraphs 3 and 4 and the final four bullet points and insert new text in paragraph 6 as shown in bold:

The motion to read as follows:

“Strategic and sustainable transport plans are of vital importance to Brighton and Hove and its surrounding region. Successful, integrated transport plans should support and enhance all of the city’s key priorities in terms of improving our urban environment, boosting the local economy and reducing the city’s carbon footprint.

The main policy driver for the city’s current Sustainable Transport Strategy is the 2007/2011 Local Transport Plan (LTP 2) and work on LTP 3 has already begun.

~~Since the consultation on and adoption of LTP 2 it is becoming increasingly apparent that there is a gradual departure from the principals and policies in the current, agreed Local Transport Plan and in some instances key policies are not being taken forward.~~

~~Council consultation on several different policy documents during the summer of 2009 has drawn serious expressions of concern at the various forums where these documents have been discussed, particularly in relation to their sections on transport.~~

It has become clear that rather than being restricted to only being able to feed-in comments relating to transport issues on separate policy documents, in what can be a rather ad-hoc manner often only relating to individual areas of the city, there is a strong desire for a more formalised, on-going dialogue on strategic transport planning issues between the council, its partner organisations, user groups, councillors and other stakeholders. The start of the formation of Local Transport Plan 3 would seem an ideal time to formalise such a dialogue.

This council therefore **welcomes the decision taken at the last meeting of the Brighton & Hove Local Strategic Partnership (with the full backing of the Administration) to establish a city-wide transport partnership chaired by the Cabinet Member for Environment.**

- ~~● Recognises the expressed need for a Citywide Local Transport Forum.~~
- ~~● Agrees that the council should be demonstrating leadership on this issue.~~
- ~~● Calls on the Cabinet to consider the setting up of a Citywide Local Transport Forum.~~

- ~~• Calls on the Cabinet to take into consideration that the creation of the Forum is undertaken in conjunction with the Local Strategic Partnership and its themed partnerships to avoid any potential duplication.”~~

Proposed by: Councillor Mary Mears      Seconded by Councillor Geoffrey Theobald

**NOTICE OF MOTION****CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT****SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE FOR THE DEAFBLIND  
IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE**

To amend the final paragraph with the deletion of the text struck out and the insertion of the text shown in bold:

The motion to read as follows:

“Whilst there is no generally accepted definition of deafblindness there is a working description that has been accepted over many years; ‘persons are regarded as deafblind if their combined sight and hearing impairment cause difficulties with communication, access to information and mobility’. Deafblindness is a visual and hearing impairment. These impairments can be of any type or degree and are sometimes called multi-sensory impairments (MSI). There are many different causes of MSI. Most people who are multi-sensory impaired have some useful vision and/or hearing.

This Council welcomes the Department of Health’s Social Care for Deafblind Children and Adults – LAC (DH) 2009 6 circular. The implementation of this guidance will have a positive impact upon the level of support that deafblind people in the City receive.

The improved deafblind guidance expects this Council to carry out the following:

- Identify, make contact with and keep records of deafblind people in the City
- Ensure that assessments are carried out by properly trained personnel
- Ensure that appropriate services are provided for deafblind people- remembering that individual services who are deaf or who are blind, may not be appropriate for someone who is both deaf and blind
- Ensure that all deafblind people in the City have access to fully trained, one-to-one support workers if necessary
- Provide information in a suitable format which is accessible to deafblind people

The Council therefore requests **that the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health** ~~to~~ considers ~~that~~ the guidance contained in the circular **and how it could best be** is implemented ~~and to receive a report on the progress of the implementation~~ **to suit the particular local circumstances in Brighton & Hove.”**

Proposed by: Cllr Ken Norman

Seconded by: Cllr Brian Pidgeon

**NOTICE OF MOTION****GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT****10:10 CARBON COMMITMENT**

Add 2 additional bullet points (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) to the final paragraph and make minor textual changes as shown in bold and text struck out; such that the motion would read:

**10:10 CARBON COMMITMENT**

“This Council recognises the progress that has been made in recent years to reduce the Council’s and City’s carbon emissions and on wider sustainability initiatives. In particular:

- Launching a £6 million energy efficiency grant scheme over three years to help householders cut costs and carbon emissions
- Committing to installing a network of electric car charging points in the city
- Running a successful Carbon Management Programme, saving more than £50,000 to date in energy efficiency measures, with more to follow
- Committing the council and the city to tough, short-term targets to cut carbon dioxide emissions – by 12% over three years
- Helping secure £180,000 from the Department for International Development for Climate Connections, a three year city-wide public engagement project
- Committing to introduce a network of park and rides sites at key strategic locations in the City
- Launching an impressive bid at an internationally-recognised conference to become the world’s first Urban Biosphere
- Playing an integral part in helping the city’s Food Partnership secure a grant of £500,000 over four years
- Launching a major Be Local Buy Local campaign to support local jobs and the environment.

This Council welcomes the national 10:10 campaign to persuade every sector of British society to work together to achieve a 10% cut in their carbon emissions in 2010. The 10:10 campaign is receiving growing support from a wide range of organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors as well as from individuals and households.

Therefore, as part of its continuing drive towards achieving a low carbon Brighton & Hove, this Council resolves to:

- Call on the Cabinet, as soon as possible, to sign up to the 10:10 campaign to

reduce the City Council's carbon emissions by 10% in 2010/11.

- **Request that the Cabinet considers adopting annual targets for further year-on-year cuts in the Council's carbon emissions sufficient to reach the targets of a 42% cut in CO2 emissions by 2020 as recommended by the Government's advisory Committee on Climate Change, and cuts of 70% by 2030 and 90% by 2050, as set out in the draft One Planet Living Plan for Brighton and Hove.**
- Request that the Cabinet considers calling for a report to be brought to the meeting of the Sustainability Cabinet Committee in January 2010 outlining the measures which will be taken to attempt to achieve these ~~is~~ ambitious **but necessary** goals.
- **Requests that the Chief Executive write to the Council's partners within the Local Strategic Partnership expressing our support for the 10:10 campaign and encouraging them to sign up too."**

Proposed by: Cllr Paul Steedman

Seconded by: Cllr Alex Phillips

**NOTICE OF MOTION****CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT****REDUCE THE DEFAULT SPEED LIMIT IN BUILT-UP AREAS  
FROM 30 TO 20MPH**

To delete paragraphs 6, 7 and 8, and the text struck out in paragraph 5 and replace with new text in paragraph 5 as shown in bold and a new paragraph 6 as shown in bold.

The motion to read as follows:

“This council is deeply concerned that:

1. 141 people were killed or seriously injured on roads in the city in 2008-9 (NI047)
2. 13 of these were children (NI048)

And that these casualty figures particularly those for children, whilst falling, are still far too high. Also that the relevant performance indicators for both of these figures have until recently been at red.

This council recognises that:

1. The most effective measure that can be taken to lower the number of serious road casualties is to reduce traffic speed [1]
2. That many towns and cities across the country have already decided to set speed limits at 20mph across large urban areas. These include: Glasgow, Portsmouth, Leicester, Norwich and Bristol.
3. That campaigning organisations such as Living Streets are calling on local Authorities across the country to do likewise.
4. Many residents and community groups throughout the city have called for traffic speed reductions on their local roads.

This council is also aware that additional benefits of reduced traffic speed include:

1. Reduced emissions and improved traffic flow – as proven by research in Germany where 30kph (19mph) speed limits have long been commonplace. [2]
2. Improved sociability - recent research in Bristol found that relationships between residents increased and improved on streets with lower traffic speed. [3].
3. Safer conditions for walking and cycling.

This council supports the principle of implementing 20mph speed limits in residential areas of Brighton & Hove ~~wherever feasible.~~ **where a) this has demonstrable**

public support, b) it is properly enforceable and, c) given the pressure on the Council's budget, it can be funded from within existing resources.

This Council furthermore welcomes the current ongoing work around speed limits, including:

- The agreement by the Cabinet to submit a Sustainable Communities Act proposal to Government which would give councils the power to set speed limits at 20 mph and below.
- The request by the Cabinet Member for Environment that the Environment & Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee carry out a review into the feasibility of introducing 20mph limits in certain areas of the city.

~~It therefore requests the Cabinet to consider asking for a report as a matter of urgency that would look at the viability of rolling out a programme of 20mph speed limits across the city early in the New Year.~~

~~In addition, in order to support local efforts towards this outcome the council requests the government to reduce the default speed limit for urban areas from 30 to 20mph. This will reduce the time, effort and cost for Local Authorities of moving towards slower speeds becoming the norm in areas where people live, work, play or go to school.~~

~~Consequently this council calls on its Chief Executive to write to Lord Adonis, The Minister for Transport, and ask him to use the DfT's road safety strategy consultation, 'A Safer Way', as an opportunity to set in motion changes to the Road Traffic Regulation Act to reduce the standard default speed limit on 'restricted roads' [4] in urban areas from 30mph to 20mph."~~

Proposed by: Councillor Geoffrey Theobald

Seconded by: Councillor Dawn Barnett

#### Notes

- [1] someone struck by a car at 35mph has a 50% chance of survival. At 20mph this increase to 97%. [www.rospa.com/roadsafety/advice/driving/speed\\_policy.htm](http://www.rospa.com/roadsafety/advice/driving/speed_policy.htm)
- [2] Dr Carmen Hass-Klau. An illustrated Guide to Traffic Calming p3.
- [3] Joshua Hart (2008). Driven to Excess. [www.driventoexcess.org](http://www.driventoexcess.org)
- [4] As defined in the Road Traffic Regulation Act (1984) as streets with streetlamps no more than 183 metres apart.

**NOTICE OF MOTION****LABOUR AMENDMENT****REDUCE THE DEFAULT SPEED LIMIT IN BUILT-UP AREAS  
FROM 30 TO 20MPH**

Delete last three paragraphs and replace with two new paragraphs as shown in bold:

The motion would then read as follows:

“This council is deeply concerned that:

1. 141 people were killed or seriously injured on roads in the city in 2008-9 (NI047)
2. 13 of these were children (NI048)

And that these casualty figures particularly those for children, whilst falling, are still far too high. Also that the relevant performance indicators for both of these figures have until recently been at red.

This council recognises that:

1. The most effective measure that can be taken to lower the number of serious road casualties is to reduce traffic speed [1]
2. That many towns and cities across the country have already decided to set speed limits at 20mph across large urban areas. These include: Glasgow, Portsmouth, Leicester, Norwich and Bristol.
3. That campaigning organisations such as Living Streets are calling on local Authorities across the country to do likewise.
4. Many residents and community groups throughout the city have called for traffic speed reductions on their local roads.

This council is also aware that additional benefits of reduced traffic speed include:

1. Reduced emissions and improved traffic flow – as proven by research in Germany where 30kph (19mph) speed limits have long been commonplace. [2]
2. Improved sociability - recent research in Bristol found that relationships between residents increased and improved on streets with lower traffic speed. [3].
3. Safer conditions for walking and cycling.

This council supports the principle of implementing 20mph speed limits in residential areas of Brighton & Hove wherever feasible.

**“It therefore requests Cabinet to consider referring this issue to ECSOSC with a view to the setting up of a Scrutiny Panel to undertake a detailed study and**

**examination, that the Panel reports back as soon as possible and that its report forms the basis of a Cabinet report that will look at the viability of rolling out a programme of 20mph speed limits in suitable areas across the city.**

**In addition this council requests that the Cabinet Member for Environment gives consideration to the inclusion of the Scrutiny Panel's report within the council's submission to the Department of Transport's 'Delivering a Sustainable Transport Strategy' programme where the south coast is being prioritised as a key priority area for sustainable transport planning that will include accident reduction."**

Proposed by: Cllr Les Hamilton

Seconded by: Cllr Melanie Davis

**NOTICE OF MOTION****LABOUR AMENDMENT****ACTION ON DRUGS HARM**

To delete the wording struck out and insert new wording as shown in bold.

The motion would read as follows:

“This Council Notes:

1. Brighton and Hove is once again Drugs Death Capital of the UK
2. 44 people died in the City as a result of drugs in 2008, ranking it above London, Manchester and Birmingham
3. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> time in 8 years the City has topped the list after falling to second place in 2006 and 2007.
4. Brighton and Hove has around 2,300 injecting heroin addicts, who are particularly at risk.
5. The majority of deaths in Brighton and Hove, compiled from coroners' reports, were from heroin but there were also 5 from cocaine and 2 from ecstasy
6. The partial contribution of dangerously strong street heroin to drugs deaths in 2008
7. National research suggests that between one half and two thirds of all crime in the UK is drug-related and three quarters of crack and heroin users claim they commit crime to feed their habit
8. The personal, social and public costs of drugs harm to the City,
9. The value of City frontline workers who assist people in accessing existing services and tackle street dealing.

It notes furthermore, that:

1. The recently published results of a national drugs treatment trial in Brighton and Hove, London and Darlington called RIOTT (Randomised Injecting Opioid Treatment) which gave heroin to injecting addicts in supervised clinics, along with psychological support and help with their housing and social needs, showed that in the study areas:
  - a) Three quarters ‘substantially’ reduced their use of street heroin

- b) More than half were 'largely abstinent' and 1 in 5 did not use street heroin at all
  - c) Criminal offences were down from 1,731 in 30 days to 547 in 6 months
  - d) Spending on drugs was down from £300 to £50 a week
2. The Government stated in its National Drugs Strategy, published last year, that it would "roll out" clinics for the prescription of injectible heroin **subject to after the findings of the pilot scheme's scientific analysis has been fully published along with the Department of Health's own evaluation and the NHS, care providers and local services have been given opportunity to respond to the trial.**"
  3. The Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs calls on the government to make the drug naloxone much more widely available and to allow frontline workers who may witness an overdose to retain and administer the drug. Naloxone is a drug that reverses heroin overdoses long enough for medical help to arrive and has been estimated could save 500 lives nationally every year.

Given the demonstrable success of the recent pilot and national calls for action, this Council now calls on the government to take urgent action that will reduce harm caused by heroin drug addiction in Brighton and Hove.

It therefore asks that the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State for Health requesting the government to:

1. Honour its pledge to roll out clinics for the prescription of injectible heroin.
2. Respond to the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs' calls for the drug naloxone to be made more widely available, **only after the extensive training of relevant staff and in consultation with the NHS and local care providers.**
3. Provide this Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an urgent report of additional proposals to enable the prevention of drugs deaths on the scale experienced in Brighton and Hove."

This Council further requests that the Chief Executive writes to the City's 3 MPs asking that they indicate their support for the actions set out under points 1, 2 and 3 above.

Proposed by: Cllr Craig Turton

Seconded by: Cllr Kevin Allen

**NOTICE OF MOTION****GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT****ENERGY CRUNCH**

Insert a new fourth paragraph and two additional final paragraphs, six and seven, as shown in bold, along with the insertion of minor textual changes shown in bold in paragraphs 3 and 5, such that the motion would read:

**ENERGY CRUNCH**

“This Council notes with grave concern the Government’s predictions in the “UK Low Carbon Transition Plan” that they are expecting power cuts equivalent to three thousand megawatt hours a year by 2017. This is equivalent to a million people seeing the lights go out for 15 minutes at peak time on twenty-four winter evenings a year by 2017. This will have a serious and detrimental impact on both residents and businesses in Brighton & Hove.

Furthermore, this Council notes that North Sea gas supply peaked in 1999, since when the flow has fallen by half and by 2015 it will have dropped by two-thirds. By 2015 four of Britain’s ten nuclear power stations will have shut and no new ones are likely to be ready for years after that. Of a total UK generating capacity of around 75 Gigawatts, estimates suggest that between 20 and 32 Gigawatts will disappear by 2015.

This Council **notes that measures must be taken nationally and locally to increase our energy security and** regrets the lack of foresight and planning by the Government **and the Council itself** in addressing these putative shortfalls. For the last decade it has been known that:

- UK nuclear plants were reaching the end of their planned life
- The most polluting coal-fired power stations would need to be closed
- We continue to lag well behind most of our European neighbours in exploiting renewable resources.

**This Council believes that nationally the Government must:**

- **bring forward a massive energy efficiency programme for existing building stock – beyond the limited Community Energy Saving Programme – and bring forward the timetable for making new developments zero carbon through the Building Regulations;**
- **direct public and private investment towards a significant programme of renewable energy technologies (such as such as wind, solar, wave and tidal which produce low or zero carbon emissions and are not reliant on fuel supplies from less politically stable countries or regions) and decentralised energy networks;**

- **rule out a programme of new nuclear power stations, recognising that they will not be built in time to address either the energy crunch or the climate crisis, and that they will divert investment away from decentralised, renewable technologies;**
- **undertake regulatory reform for the energy market to provide genuine incentives for energy companies and consumers to save energy and generate their own.**

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change **outlining the views of the Council expressed above** and asking him what steps are being taken to address this vital issue for the residents of Brighton & Hove and the rest of the UK.
- **Request that the Cabinet considers bringing forward a report outlining potential measures that could be introduced locally by the Council to address the energy crunch, including but not limited to:**
  - **a significantly increased scheme of retrofitted insulation and low/zero carbon energy-generating technologies for the city's existing domestic and commercial building stock;**
  - **the tightening of local planning requirements for energy efficiency and low/zero carbon technologies in new developments, partly through the adoption of higher minimum BREEAM or Code for Sustainable Homes standards;**
  - **the development of Energy Service Companies for the city;**
  - **the development of decentralised energy networks, such as district heating schemes, to reduce reliance on inefficient national supply networks;**
  - **speeding up the delivery of the Council's Carbon Management Programme to reduce the Council's own energy demands;**
  - **providing support for residents, local businesses and other Council partners to help them become more energy efficient, and less reliant on insecure, inefficient centralised energy supplies.**
- **Request that the Cabinet considers making an application for funding from the new £10m Low Carbon Communities Challenge programme to support any such measure(s)."**

Proposed by: Cllr Paul Steedman      Seconded by: Councillor Vicky Wakefield-Jarrett

**NOTICE OF MOTION****CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT****SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CARE TOGETHER (SFCT)**

To delete paragraphs 6 and 8, and the text struck out in paragraph 7 and replace with the text shown in bold:

The motion to read as follows:

“This council notes the Green paper Shaping the Future of Care Together, concerning the funding of social services, both residential and home-based and welcomes the opportunity to comment on emerging government policy.

City care services are in a period of transition - moving toward personalised budgets at the same time as increasing budgetary pressures. The combination of insufficient funding, increased demand from an ageing society and escalating costs is already placing an immeasurable strain on adult care.

The Local Government Association believes councils already contribute a significant amount to total local adult social care expenditure through Council Tax. They estimate that local government contributes 39%, or more than £5.3bn to total adult care spend of over £13bn.

The Green paper;

- Points to current geographic inequalities both in services provided concerning both the level of need of the recipients and services provided and proposes a National Care Service (NCS) be formed to coordinate standards.
- The Green paper proposes that the work of the NCS and the benefits it provides will be funded through one of three options, Partnership, Insurance or Comprehensive. All of these options require means-tested personal contributions – (apart from the Partnership arrangement where people with less than £23,000 (or an amount to be agreed) would get basic services free.
- Rules out services being wholly funded by the state.
- Proposes a realignment of ‘disability benefits’, which is widely understood to mean that Disability Living Allowance be ceased (DLA), and its funds be diverted to services arranged via NCS.

Such a comprehensive reorganisation of social care payments would affect thousands of Brighton & Hove residents - 12,460 people claimed DLA alone in the

year ending August 2008. Added to this are the significant number of people receiving home and residential care packages. Withdrawal or reduction of benefits payable to the most vulnerable will cause real hardship and further widen the poverty gap.

~~The recent publication of the 'Green New Deal' proposals by the Green party argued for non means tested free universal social care for all. The cost would come from, among other things, improved tax collection and the abolition of tax havens (a total of £10bn a year could be raised in this way), and cancellation of expensive and wasteful projects such as Trident renewal and the ID cards scheme.~~

Bearing in mind the importance of these issues to residents and the Council itself; this Council **encourages all individuals, organisations and political groups, including the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health, to respond to the Government consultation on the green paper.** ~~therefore asks:~~

~~The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health to consider submitting a consultation response to the green paper reflecting the council's views, informed by this discussion."~~

Proposed by: Cllr Ken Norman

Seconded by: Cllr Dawn Barnett

**NOTICE OF MOTION****CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT****NATIONAL RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE**

Delete resolutions 1 to 4 as shown with text struck out and replace with new number 1 as shown in bold text:

The motion to read as follows:

“This council notes:

1. Though under-reporting makes exact figures elusive, the Home Office estimates that more than five per cent of women and men are thought to be raped, and 21 per cent of women and 11 per cent of men are sexually assaulted, at some point in their lives (Cross Government Action Plan on Sexual Violence and Abuse [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/ Sexual-violence-action-plan](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/Sexual-violence-action-plan))
2. Since the closure of *Brighton Rape Crisis Project* in 2002 survivors and victims of rape and serious sexual assault in the city have been able to access only limited specialist support services for a few hours a week, including those funded by this council and provided by the *Survivors Network*. There is no round-the-clock support available for victims of sexual crimes beyond that operated by Sussex Police. While Sussex Police provide a good service in dealing with reports of rape and supporting victims, many sexual crimes go unreported, and many victims do not choose to go to the authorities.

This council therefore resolves:

1. **To ask the Environment & Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider carrying out a review into the issues raised in this motion (including the outcomes for men and women, the extent of support available to residents and the possible benefits of a 24-hour hotline) and to use their new powers to invite external statutory and voluntary organisations to give evidence to the review.** ~~Cabinet to consider investigating outcomes for women and men who have been raped or sexually assaulted in Brighton and Hove – and to examine whether the council can improve them.~~
2. ~~To request that the Community Safety Forum gives consideration to the calling for a report at the next available opportunity setting out existing Rape Crisis support provision in the City, and opportunities for addressing the gaps in service.~~
3. ~~To ask the Cabinet to consider whether it would be possible to support calls for a National 24-hour Rape Crisis hotline, to provide round the clock, seven~~

~~day a week access to immediate support and referral for victims of sexual crimes, directing callers to local services where possible.~~

- ~~4. To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary and the city's three MPs seeking support for this Notice of Motion.~~

Proposed by: Cllr Dee Simson

Seconded by: Cllr Ted Kemble