

Council	Agenda Item 59(7)
14 December 2017	Brighton & Hove City Council

**NOTICE OF MOTION
GREEN GROUP
BRIGHTON AND HOVE AND BREXIT**

This Council notes the mounting evidence of damage that 'Brexit' would cause to the national economy and trans-European relationships, and the mismanagement of Brexit by the Government. Council also notes with concern the potential impact of Brexit both on our local economy and on established mutually beneficial partnerships and links with European cities such the Eurocities network. The Council requests:

- That the Chief Executive write to the President of the Eurocities Network, Mayor of Ghent Daniel Termont, expressing our desire to continue working with sister cities at this time of uncertainty for the UK, and exploring the status of Brighton and Hove's membership of Eurocities following any 'Brexit';
- That the Chief Executive writes to Sajid David, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, expressing this Council's and this city's strong desire for a referendum on the final terms of a Brexit deal, including the option to maintain full EU membership;
- That the Chief Executive writes to Hilary Benn MP, chair of the Brexit Select Committee, requesting that he share the full Brexit Impact Assessment Studies with particular relevance to the economy of our city.

Proposed by: Cllr Sykes

Seconded by: Cllr Littman

Supporting information:

- The Institute of Fiscal Studies estimated that leaving the EU would cost UK taxpayers between £20bn and £40bn a year. A Financial Times report collating analyses from major economic bodies including HM Treasury, London School of Economics and the CBI concluded: "*Rarely has there been such a consensus among economists, as there is on the damage that Brexit will wreak on the British economy.*" <http://on.ft.com/2dJEka4>
- Eurocities is an EU funded project bringing together 110 cities across Europe to develop strategies to manage EU wide issues such as migration. Brighton & Hove has also accessed EU funding and social programmes such as Interreg, European Social Fund and Erasmus Plus. Our city is chair of the [Brighton European Network \(BEN\)](#) and is a member of the Arc Manche, finding potential partners for projects that require them.
- MPs from all parties have called on the Government to publish the full results of the Brexit Impact Assessments, documents which detail the specific impact that leaving the EU would have on sectors of the UK economy bbc.in/2BvCra9

