

**BRIGHTON I360 UPDATE
CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT**

To add additional recommendations 2.1.9 to 2.1.12.as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

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Proposed by: Cllr Janio

Seconded by: Cllr Wealls

Recommendations if carried to read:

- 2.1 That the Committee:
- 2.1.1 Notes the financial and commercial performance of the i360 to date.
- 2.1.2 Notes the action so far taken by the i360 to reduce costs, increase visitor numbers and increase revenue generating capacity.
- 2.1.3 Agrees to defer £570,007.73 of the £1,492,304.25 due on 30 June 2018 until 31 December 2018 on the basis that the i360 will pay the council £922,296.52 to

enable the council to pay the PWLB the same amount on the same day.

- 2.1.4 Agrees not to take default action at this stage in relation to the failure to hit the financial ratios set out in the loan agreement.
- 2.1.5 Notes that representatives of the council, LEP and i360 Board will meet regularly to discuss a long term restructuring of the loans and that a further report will be brought to PRG Committee on 6 December 2018.
- 2.1.6 Authorises the Executive Director Economy, Environment & Culture, in consultation with the Executive Director Finance & Resources, to commission a specialist commercial adviser to provide advice and options to the council for a long-term loan restructuring and advise on whether those proposals meet the market economy operator principle.
- 2.1.7 Authorises the Executive Director Economy, Environment & Culture, in consultation with the Executive Director Finance & Resources, after discussion with the i360 Board, to procure additional support (such as a commercial advisor with specialist experience of visitor attractions) for the i360 management and Board to help them improve the financial performance of the i360.
- 2.1.8 Allocates a sum of £50,000 from the Strategic Investment Fund to meet the costs of the recommendations at 2.1.6 and 2.1.7.
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