

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

“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:

- 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 Mitchell

Seconded by Councillor Morgan

Supported by: Councillors Hawkes, Hamilton, Carden, Davis, Turton, Simpson, Marsh, McCaffery, Meadows and Lepper.