Agenda Item 60 (1)

19 December 2019

Brighton & Hove City Council

## NOTICE OF MOTION

## MOULSECOOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL SPONSOR

## **GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**

That the motion be amended to delete the words as struck through and to insert the text as shown in *bold italics*.

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Proposed by: Councillor Clare

Seconded by: Councillor Hills

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