

NOTICE OF MOTION**LABOUR GROUP****FOOD POVERTY**

This council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to make the following requests and points with regards to food poverty:

- 1) To express urgent concern in regard to the Trussell Trust research that shows three million children are at risk of hunger during the school holidays, with the rate of foodbank use in the UK;
- 2) To welcome the government's commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which apply international and domestic commitments to ending hunger by 2030;
- 3) To highlight the positive work done locally through the Food Partnership, the delivery of the Council's Food Strategy, its Community Composting Scheme, and Brighton & Hove becoming the UK's first silver Sustainable Food City, and endeavours to achieve gold status;
- 4) To welcome the government's commitment to delivering a white paper on food policy, and to urge the establishment of a Green Paper that receives input from local authorities;
- 5) That the Council reiterates its commitment to food justice and calls upon the government to establish a 'right to food' when developing the National Food Strategy.

Proposed by: Cllr Hill

Seconded by: Cllr Evans

Supporting Information:

There are 8 million people in the UK who have trouble putting food on the table according to the UN. Over 500,000 people used food banks in the UK last year. The Trussell Trust alone distributed over 1.3m three-day emergency food supplies of people in crisis in the financial year 2017-2018. 3m children are at risk of hunger during the school holidays. Around 10% of the NHS budget goes on treating type 2 diabetes and up to 1 million people live in food deserts in the UK.

The Cooperative Party is running a campaign on food injustice in conjunction with a range of Labour Councils across the UK.

The website for the Food Partnership is: <https://bhfood.org.uk/>

The link to the Food Strategy is: <https://bhfood.org.uk/resources/food-strategy/>

