TOURISM, EQUALITIES, COMMUITIES & CULTURE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 23(b)

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Items referred from the Council meeting held on

the 13 August 2020

Committing to Make Brighton & Hove Free of

Modern Slavery

Black Lives Matter - Notice of Motion

Historic Motoring Events on Madeira Drive -

Notice of Motion

Date of Meeting: 24 September 2020

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive the following Notices of Motion which were debated at and referred from the full Council special meeting held on the 13 August 2020.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee responds to the motion concerning Committing to Make Brighton & Hove Free of Modern Slavery either by noting it or where it is considered more appropriate, calling for an officer report on the matter as requested, which may give consideration to a range of options;
- 2.2 That the Committee responds to the motion concerning Black Lives Matter / Anti-Racist Council either by noting it or where it is considered more appropriate, calling for an officer report on the matter as requested, which may give consideration to a range of options; and
- 2.3 That the Committee responds to the motion concerning Historic Motoring Events on Madeira Drive either by noting it or where it is considered more appropriate, calling for an officer report on the matter as requested, which may give consideration to a range of options.

3. CONTEXT / BACKGROND INFORMATION

3.1 The following resolution from the full council meeting held on the 13 August 2020 for the committee to consider is detailed below:

SPECIAL COUNCIL

4.30pm 13 AUGUST 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING - SKYPE

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Robins (Chair), Mears (Deputy Chair), Allcock, Appich, Atkinson, Bagaeen, Barnett, Brennan, Childs, Clare, Deane, Druitt, Evans, Fishleigh, Fowler, Gibson, Hamilton, Heley, Hill, Hills, Hugh-Jones, Janio, Knight, Lewry, Littman, Lloyd, Mac Cafferty, McNair, Miller, Moonan, Nemeth, Nield, O'Quinn, Osborne, Peltzer Dunn, Phillips, Pissaridou, Platts, Powell, Shanks, C Theobald, Wares, West, Wilkinson and Williams

PART ONE

35. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (2) COMMITING TO MAKE BRIGHTON & HOVE FREE OF MODERN SLAVERY
- 35.7 The Notice of Motion as listed in the agenda was proposed by Councillor Appich on behalf of the Labour Group and formally seconded by Councillor O'Quinn.
- 35.8 Councillor Mears moved an amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group which was formally seconded by Councillor Bagaeen.
- 35.9 Councillor Shanks spoke on the motion and expressed the Green Group's support for the motion as amended.
- 35.10 Councillor Appich noted the comments and confirmed that she was happy to accept the amendment.
- 35.11 The Mayor noted that the amendment had been accepted and that the Council was happy to move to a vote on the motion as amended, and therefore put the revised motion to the vote:

That this Council opposes modern slavery in all its forms and requests officers to bring a report to the next ordinary meeting of the TECC Committee exploring proposals to commit the Council to doing everything in its power to make our city free of modern slavery, and ways to work with national and local government, law enforcement agencies, business, the community and voluntary sector, faith bodies and our local communities to;

- demonstrate strong leadership for anti-slavery initiatives:
- raise awareness amongst our staff, associates and the people we service on a daily basis

- train our staff to recognise and respond appropriately to potential signs of slavery
- share intelligence and information to help detect slavery and ensure it cannot take root
- support victims and survivors in our communities
- remove slave-based labour from our supply chains
- contribute to building a prosperous and slavery-free economy.

That the report in 2.1 also includes a full detailed update on the work the council has done in respect to the Labour Group NoM (referred to in the supporting information) agreed by this Council in July 2018 by reference to the report that was requested by the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee in October 2018.

35.12 He then called on each of the Group Leaders to confirm their position as well as the Groups in turn and each of the Independent Members:

Councillor Mac Cafferty stated that the Green Group were in favour of the motion as amended and this was confirmed by the Green Group Members;

Councillor Platts stated that the Labour Group were in favour of the motion as amended and this was confirmed by the Labour Group Members;

Councillor Wares stated that the Conservative were in favour of the motion as amended and this was confirmed by the Conservative Group Members;

Councillor Fishleigh confirmed that she was voting in favour of the motion as amended;

Councillor Knight confirmed that she was voting in favour of the motion as amended.

- 35.13 The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been carried.
- 3.2 The following resolution from the full council meeting held on the 13 August 2020 for the committee to consider is detailed below:

(3) BLACK LIVES MATTER / ANTI-RACIST COUNCIL

- 35.14 The Notice of Motion as listed in the agenda was proposed by Councillor Heley on behalf of the Green Group and formally seconded by Councillor Powell.
- 35.15 Councillor Peltzer Dunn moved an amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group which was formally seconded by Councillor Bagaeen.
- 35.16 Councillor Evans moved an amendment on behalf of the Labour Group which was seconded by Councillor Childs.
- 35.17 Councillors Littman and Platts spoke on the motion and the proposed amendments.

- 35.18 Councillor Heley thanked the Members for their comments and stated that she could not accept the Conservative amendment but was happy to accept the Labour amendment.
- 35.19 The Mayor noted that the Conservative amendment had not been accepted and therefore put it to the vote and called on each of the Group Leaders to confirm their position as well as the Groups in turn and each of the Independent Members:

Councillor Mac Cafferty stated that the Green Group were against the amendment this was confirmed by the Green Group Members;

Councillor Platts stated that the Labour Group were against the amendment and this was confirmed by the Labour Group Members;

Councillor Wares stated that the Conservative were in favour of the amendment and this was confirmed by the Conservative Group Members;

Councillor Fishleigh confirmed that she was voting in favour of the amendment;

Councillor Knight confirmed that she was voting against the amendment.

- 35.20 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been lost.
- 35.21 The Mayor noted that the Labour amendment had been accepted and that the Council was happy to move to a vote on the motion as amended, and therefore put the revised motion to the vote:

Further to previous council communications, this council formally pledges to be an antiracist council and to advocate values of anti-racism across Brighton and Hove. [1]

Council therefore resolves to ask the Chief Executive to:

- Work to convene a meeting with political leaders in the city and the Brighton and Hove Black Lives Matter group, to respond to demands
- Offer support to those taking part in the Black Lives Matter protests through outlining practicable council health and safety assistance available to organisers during the Covid-19 pandemic; e.g. measures or signage to aid social distancing, access to protective equipment etc.

Council also requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), expressing this council's desire for the PCC to conduct an investigation into:

- the disproportionate use of stop-and-search powers against BAME communities, and pressing for a review into the response of Sussex PCC to the Stephen Lawrence inquiry and Lammy review; as well as the role of local Community Scrutiny panels; [2]
- how the use of excessive force and the Prevent strategy discriminate against BAME communities in Sussex

Further, that council requests officers bring a report on the above matters to the Tourism Equalities, Communities and Culture committee, in particular detailing:

- information on the BAME pay gap and underrepresentation of BAME employees within the council, [3] which may be shaped by the results of the Global HPO report on Race Equality in Employment; and a timeline for implementation of any recommendations that result from this [4]
- 35.22 He then called on each of the Group Leaders to confirm their position as well as the Groups in turn and each of the Independent Members:

Councillor Mac Cafferty stated that the Green Group were in favour of the motion as amended and this was confirmed by the Green Group Members;

Councillor Platts stated that the Labour Group were in favour of the motion as amended and this was confirmed by the Labour Group Members;

Councillor Wares stated that the Conservative were in favour of the motion as amended and this was confirmed by the Conservative Group Members;

Councillor Fishleigh confirmed that she was in favour of the motion as amended;

Councillor Knight confirmed that she was in favour of the motion as amended.

- 35.23 The Mayor confirmed that the motion as amended had been carried.
- 3.3 The following resolution from the full council meeting held on the 13 August 2020 for the committee to consider is detailed below:

(4) HISTORIC MOTORING EVENTS ON MADEIRA DRIVE

- 35.24 The Notice of Motion as listed in the agenda was proposed by Councillor Nemeth on behalf of the Conservative Group and formally seconded by Councillor Miller.
- 35.25 Councillor Appich moved an amendment on behalf of the Green Group which was formally seconded by Councillor Evans.
- 35.26 Councillors Theobald and Lloyd spoke on the motion and the amendment and expressed their support.
- 35.27 Councillor Nemeth thanked everyone for their comments and the support for the aims of the motion and stated that he would accept the amendment.
- 35.28 The Mayor noted that the amendment had been accepted and that the Council was happy to move to a vote on the motion as amended, and therefore put the revised motion to the vote:

This council resolves to:

(1) Recognise the huge financial and cultural contribution to the local tourist economy of the many motoring events that take place in the city and on Madeira Drive in particular;

- (2) Recommends to ETS Committee that any post-Covid changes to the layout of Madeira Drive do not prevent historic motoring events from taking place; and
- (3) Recommends to TECC Committee that urgent confirmation is given that historic motoring events will be given permission to take place.
- 35.29 He then called on each of the Group Leaders to confirm their position as well as the Groups in turn and each of the Independent Members:

Councillor Mac Cafferty stated that the Green Group were against the motion as amended and this was confirmed by the Green Group Members;

Councillor Platts stated that the Labour Group were in favour of the motion as amended and this was confirmed by the Labour Group Members;

Councillor Wares stated that the Conservative were in favour of the motion as amended and this was confirmed by the Conservative Group Members;

Councillor Fishleigh confirmed that she was voting in favour of the motion as amended;

Councillor Knight confirmed that she wished to abstain from voting on the motion as amended.

35.30 The Mayor confirmed that the motion as amended had been carried.