TOURISM, EQUALITIES, COMMUNITIES & CULTURE COMMITTEE

Brighton & Hove City Council

11 MARCH 2021

Subject:		Items referred from the Council meeting held on the 22nd January 2021 – Register of Heritage Assets – Notice of Motion		
Date of Meeting:		11 March 2021		
Report of:		Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law		
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Wards Affected:	All			

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive the following Notice of Motion which was debated at and referred from the full Council meeting held on the 22nd January 2021.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

2.1 That the Committee responds to the motion concerning Register of Heritage Assests, 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 22 January 2021 for the committee to consider is detailed below:

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL (RECONVENED FROM 17 DECEMBER 2020)

4.00pm 22 JANUARY 2021

VIRTUAL

MINUTES

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

PART ONE

80 **REGISTER OF HERITAGE ASSETS**

- 80.1 The notice of motion as listed on the agenda was proposed by Councillor Nemeth on behalf of the Conservative Group and formally seconded by Councillor Mears who reserved her right to speak later in the debate.
- 80.2 Councillor Grimshaw moved an amendment on behalf of the Labour Group which was formally seconded by Councillor O'Quinn.
- 80.3 Councillor Ebel moved an amendment on behalf of the Green Group which was formally seconded by Councillor Littman.
- 80.4 Councillors Peltzer Dunn, Janio, Theobald, Hugh-Jones, Mac Cafferty and Nemeth spoke on the motion and Councillor Nemeth confirmed that he was happy to accept the Labour amendment and he would not accept the Green Group amendment.
- 80.5 The Mayor noted that the Green Group amendment had not been accepted and therefore would need to put each in turn to the vote. He then put the amendment from the Green Group to the vote and called on each of the Group Leaders to confirm their position as well as the Groups in turn followed by the Independent Members:

Councillor Mac Cafferty stated that the Green Group were voting in favour of the amendment and this was confirmed by the Green Group Members;

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

Councillor Bell stated that the Conservative Group were voting against the amendment and this was confirmed by the Conservative Group Members;

Councillor Brennan confirmed that she was voting for the amendment;

Councillor Fishleigh confirmed that she was voting for the amendment;

Councillor Janio confirmed that he was voting against the amendment;

Councillor Knight confirmed that she was voting against the amendment.

- 80.6 The Mayor noted that the Green Group amendment had been lost.
- 80.7 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:

This Council:

1. Expresses regret over recent incidents relating to the loss of historic lanterns from the Brighton seafront;

2. Praises the actions of local investigative journalists for identifying said missing items; and

3. Calls for an officer report to the Tourism, Equalities, Communities & Culture Committee to explore options for setting up an independent group of volunteers to assist the relevant officers in the work of establishing a list of all heritage assets – including those in situ, in storage and undergoing repair elsewhere – for which the Council has responsibility;

4. For that report to explore:

• the option of valuing and certifying items that for any reason would require replacing, first offering them to Brighton or Hove Museum, then either for display in an alternate Council setting or for sale via a dedicated Council website;

• for local residents to be offered a prior chance to purchase these items before they go on general sale;

• the enhanced value that certification of these items can ensure;

• ring-fencing the funds raised from these sales to be allocated for the restoration of items in the public domain and to fund the storage space for such items and items which may be put up for sale.

80.8 The Mayor then called on each of the Group Leaders to confirm their position as well as the Groups in turn followed by 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 Bell stated that the Conservative Group were in favour of the motion as amended and this was confirmed by the Conservative Group Members;

Councillor Brennan confirmed that she was voting for the motion as amended;

Councillor Fishleigh confirmed that she was for voting for the motion as amended;

Councillor Janio confirmed that he was voting for the motion as amended;

Councillor Knight confirmed that she was voting for the motion as amended.

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