

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

Urgent review of Council's policies for tackling crime and antisocial behaviour

That changes are made as shown in ***bold italics*** and strikethrough below.

This Committee:

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2. Notes that since 2010 ~~9~~ ***funding to Sussex Police has been cut by Central Government by over 13 million pounds and 500 officers which has had this*** Council has significantly weakened its policies for tackling ~~impact on~~ ***impact on*** crime and anti-social behaviour ~~rates.~~ including:
 - a. ~~Failing to renew the City's Public Space Protection Orders for Parks and Open Spaces;~~
 - b. ~~Declining an opportunity to join an application for Safer Streets Funds when approached by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner;~~
 - c. ~~Failing to keep a full complement of Field Officers employed;~~
 - d. ~~Becoming the only Council in the country to introduce a Homeless Bill of Rights that allows begging and tents in public spaces;~~
 - e. ~~Choosing not to enforce by laws at its disposal, including at Old Steine Gardens;~~
 - f. ~~Not prioritising safety in the public domain, with 9/10 street lamps at Old Steine Gardens left broken for over a year;~~
 - g. ~~Maintaining only 95 public space CCTV cameras across the city.~~
3. Notes that the above policies have put the Council out of step with neighbouring local authorities.
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Proposed by: Cllr Evans

Seconded by: Cllr Childs

Recommendations to read if carried:

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