

Brighton & Hove City Council

Full Council

Agenda Item 21

Subject: Support for year-round temporary ice rink in Brighton and Hove

Date of meeting: 21 July 2022

Proposer: Councillor Fishleigh
Seconded: Councillor Atkinson

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Independent Councillors

This Council notes that:

- The Sussex Ice Rink campaign group arranged a meeting on 22nd April 2022 between Cllr Martin Osborne, Council Officers Donna Chisholm and Mark Fisher, and Planet Ice, which owns and operates 14 ice rinks across the UK. <https://planet-ice.co.uk/> The meeting was to discuss the use of vacant land next to King Alfred for a year-round temporary ice rink (not only for Christmas).
- The campaigners' hope was that Planet Ice would be invited to submit a proposal for the King Alfred site. However, Planet Ice have not been approached.
- An ice rink has not been included in the Sports Facilities Investment Plan - and some of the assumptions in the plan about ice rinks appear to be incorrect.

This Council also notes that

- The land on the West side of the King Alfred is vacant and available now.
- A temporary ice rink would enable a real-time feasibility study.
- The new Planet Ice Bristol ice rink is getting about 700 people a day through the doors which is 255,000 per annum.
- Peter Kyle MP supports a temporary ice rink on this site. Council notes:

This Council therefore resolves to

- 1) Request Policy & Resources Committee to ask officers to bring forward a report that focuses on the steps that can be taken to ensure that a privately-owned ice-rink can be brought to Brighton & Hove.
- 2) Further request Policy & Resources Committee to ask officers to include in the report plans to:-
 - Make land available at King Alfred for Planet Ice to put in place a professional ice rink venue for clubs, teams, individual competitions and for people of all ages and abilities to use for fun and leisure activities for a period of five years.
 - Immediately invite Planet Ice to submit a proposal for a temporary ice rink near King Alfred.

Proposed site for temporary ice rink:

