

Date of meeting 21 July 2022

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

Take action to tackle gender inequality: from period poverty to safety, health and education

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

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- Systematic and institutional misogyny meaning women being failed in areas ranging from justice to health
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- Charities are still supporting red boxes in schools and food banks with sanitary products ***and commends the work of projects like the young-people led Brighton Period Project who collect and distribute products in the city***
- ~~NHS reports Healthwatch survey data which shows~~ over a THIRD of women in Brighton & Hove missed smear tests and critical cervical screenings last year ***although recognises the limitations of the data provided, meaning this may not be an accurate picture***
- ***That*** Government intervention ***is*** needed, but ***that*** there are ***concrete real*** actions we can take to tackle period poverty, female health inequalities, and to improve safety and education ***some of which is already taking place in a variety of settings***
- ***Services already provided by Brighton & Hove City Council, including support in schools such as the equality service provided on BEEM***
- ***The recent consultation on the creation of a Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy***

Therefore, resolves to:

- 1) Request ~~Policy & Resources~~ ***Tourism, Equalities, Communities and Culture Committee*** to ask officers to bring forward a report, in consultation with ~~female~~-residents ***who self-define as a woman or another marginalised gender identity, and women's organisations and other organisations such as youth services and public sector partners*** in the city, that outlines a new Gender Equality Strategy, aimed at tackling gender inequality in the city
- 2) Further requests ~~P&R~~ ***TECC*** to ask officers to include in the report ***information on work already ongoing, alongside any new*** proposals to

work in partnership ***to tackle gender inequality to create and support a network for women in the city, and*** to focus on four key areas;

- Poverty (to consider distributing free sanitary products at community centres and youth clubs)
- Health (including a public health awareness campaign to improve cervical screening rates)
- Safety (including improvements to support services for victims of VAWG, and a Night Time Safety Charter and a consultation to hear from women and girls on improving street safety)
- Education (including rolling out -anti-misogyny and gender equality training ***in schools***)

Proposed by: Cllr Powell

Seconded by: Cllr Lloyd

Motion to read if carried:

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