

# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 43**

**Subject: Leisure Centres and Energy-inefficiency**

**Date of meeting: 20 October 2022**

**Proposer: Councillor Bagaean**

**Seconder: Councillor Nemeth**

**Ward(s) affected: All**

## **Notice of Motion**

### **Conservative Group**

This Council:

- a. Notes the antiquated and dilapidated state of most of Brighton & Hove's leisure centres, which are no longer fit for purpose for a modern city;
- b. Further notes the poor energy-efficiency of many of these leisure centres and the current early closures to mitigate the effects of their poor energy performance 1;
- c. Expresses concern about the lack of firm plan or impetus to upgrade our leisure facilities to modern standards; and

Therefore, resolves to:

1. Calls for a report to be presented to Policy & Resources Committee, which:
  - a. Reviews the state of these assets from an energy-efficiency standpoint; and
  - b. Provides a costed plan to upgrade the city's leisure facilities in the run-up to the 2030 deadline.

Supporting information:

Research from international real estate advisor Savills reveals that a total of 185 million sq ft of UK retail space is at risk of becoming unlettable by 2023 if the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) are not met<sup>2</sup>. It will be prohibited to let commercial buildings with an EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) rating of Grade F or G from 1st April 2023, with a longer term target for all commercial buildings to be rated a minimum of EPC B by 2030.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/22804150.brighton-leisure-centres-change-hours-amid-energy-crisis/>

<sup>2</sup> [Savills UK | UK retail reaches EPC cliff edge with 185 million sq ft at risk of being unlettable by next year](#)

