

Brighton & Hove City Council

COUNCIL

Agenda Item 46

Date of meeting 20 October 2022

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

Stop the attack on nature

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

Council notes:

- a. Recent government plans to amend or scrap crucial environmental laws which protect some of our most vulnerable nature and wildlife protections across the UK.
- b. Broken promises and commitments from ***Coalition Administration Councillors*** Government to ~~ban harmful practices like the importing of Foie Gras and of fur~~
- c. the extraordinary number of environmental charities that have called out the ~~governments attack on nature, including the RSPB and The Wildlife Trusts [1]~~ ***the Council's attack on nature sites locally, including Sussex Wildlife Trust which is "horrified that the Council has put them forward for development despite irrefutable evidence of their environmental importance and value to local people"***.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- ~~1. Request the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs outlining this council's wish for strong animal welfare and nature protection legislation~~
- ~~2. Request a report to the Tourism, Equalities, Communities and Culture committee exploring a ban on the product 'foie gras' made by force feeding animals at events organised on council owned land~~
- ~~3. Call for restaurants and retailers who still sell foie gras to cease, securing Brighton & Hove as a 'Foie Gras Free City'~~
- ~~4. Endorse Animal Equality UK's campaign to ban Foie Gras~~
- ~~5. Request a report to a future meeting of the Children, Young People and Skills committee outlining the progress made the 'Our City, our World' environmental education programme in expanding young people's knowledge and access to nature and the environment~~
- 6. Produce an officer report detailing what steps can be taken to reverse damaging plans to decimate nature on Whitehawk Hill and Benfield Valley.***

Supporting Information:

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Proposed by: Cllr Nemeth

Seconded by: Cllr Bell

Motion to read if carried:

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