

# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 81

**Subject:** Public Toilets

**Date of meeting:** 2 February 2023

**Report of:** Executive Director, Economy, Environment & Culture

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

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### **Action Required of Council:**

To receive the extract of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for information

## Brighton & Hove City Council

### Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

4.00pm 17 January 2023

#### Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall

#### Minutes

**Present:** Councillor Davis (Joint Chair), Hills (Joint Chair), Lloyd (Deputy Chair), Platts (Joint Opposition Spokesperson), Wilkinson (Joint Opposition Spokesperson), Nemeth (Group Spokesperson), Appich, Fowler, Heley and Simson

#### Part One

#### 77 PUBLIC TOILETS

77.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Economy, Environment & Culture that sought approval for the introduction of charging at some sites in the city to sustain as much public toilet provision as possible and reduce the likelihood of closures. The report also provided the committee with an update on current service provision in light of the decision to close some public toilets across the city in response to an increasing budget pressure in-year, the expected service provision from 1 April 2023 in light of the budget pressures experienced in 2022/23 and the proposed £0.300m saving proposed as part of the 2023/24 draft budget savings plus an update on the Public Toilet Refurbishment Programme. The report is also addressed the Public Toilet Notice of Motion agreed, as amended, at the committee at its meeting on 15 November 2022.

77.2 Councillor Nemeth moved a motion to amend the recommendations as shown in bold italics and struckthrough as follows:

2.1 That Committee notes the contents of the report.

2.2 That Committee **does not** agrees to the introduction of charging at public toilets **but agrees that insourcing of the contract for cleaning and maintaining public toilets has failed and that this is the principal reason for proposals to close public toilets and to introduce charging** in line with the principles set out in paragraph ~~3.27~~

2.3 **That Committees agrees that accountability was regularly mentioned as a reason for insourcing (the Leader of the Council specifically said that he preferred to 'bring public toilets back in-house to ensure we have direct management and better accountability') and expresses concern as to where accountability now sits;**

- 77.3 Councillor Simson formally seconded the motion.
- 77.4 Councillors Platts, Lloyd, Appich, Simson, Wilkinson, Davis and Fowler asked questions and contributed to the debate of the report.
- 77.5 The Chair put the Conservative Group motion to the vote that failed.
- 77.6 The Chair put the recommendations as per the report to the vote that failed.

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm

