

Brighton & Hove City Council

Policy & Resources Committee

Agenda Item 135

Date of meeting 27 February 2023

COMPOSITE AMENDMENT

I360 Loan Update

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in strikethrough and **bold italics**:

Recommendations

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- 2.3 That Committee reserves the council's right to step in and enforce its rights under the loan agreement and security documentation.
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- 2.6 ~~That Committee agrees that officers should return to this committee in summer 2023 updating on development and implementation of the summer 2023 business plan, and again in by the end of October 2023 to report on performance over the summer 2023 season and consider next steps.~~ ***That Committee seeks significant reassurances and an evidential basis for the viability of the new long-term business plan, including via the i360 Member Working Group. In addition to reassurance in the short term as per 2.5, it will also view the monitoring of progress in 2023 as a long-***

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Proposed by Councillor Mac Cafferty

Seconded by Councillors Appich and Bell

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