

**NOTICE OF MOTION****INTELLIGENT COMMISSIONING AND THE  
COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

“This Council recognises and values the hugely positive impact of Brighton & Hove’s thriving local community and voluntary sector (CVS). It is estimated that the local CVS contributes £96 million to the local economy each year with approximately 19,200 volunteer positions, giving 57,600 per week of volunteer hours.

Furthermore, this Council strongly supports the principles of the Intelligent Commissioning process in the provision of public services in the city, as outlined in the Cabinet report of April 2010. In particular:

- It should result in the best people, delivering the best outcomes at the best value for the taxpayer,
- That there should be a genuinely level playing field between the Council and the **local** CVS (including social enterprise, co-ops and mutuals),
- That service provision should be embedded within the local community.

This Council warmly welcomes the contribution that the local CVS has made to the development of the Intelligent Commissioning process to date and embraces the enhanced opportunities that it brings for the sector.

However, this Council notes with concern that the Intelligent Commissioning process appears to have lost much of its initial impetus in recent months and acknowledges real concerns from the local CVS that services will not be commissioned on a genuinely level playing field.

Therefore, this Council requests that Cabinet:

1. Renews its commitment to further developing the Intelligent Commissioning process as a potential means of delivering higher quality and better value services to the residents of Brighton & Hove; and
2. Takes the principles outlined in this notice of motion fully into account in any future commissioning decisions.

