

**NOTICE OF MOTION****LABOUR & CO-OPERATIVE GROUP****HIGH STRENGTH ALCOHOL BAN**

“The Council notes the impact that cheap and easy availability of high strength alcohol has on anti social behaviour across the City, and that recent media reports suggest that some off licences are selling beers and ciders that contain in one bottle more units of alcohol than the guideline recommended weekly intake levels.

This Council notes the success that other local authorities, most notably Ipswich, have had in introducing a voluntary ban on high-strength alcohol, which saw anti social behaviour reduced across the town by nearly 50%.

This Council acknowledges the work that has begun on tackling this locally and recognises the importance of accelerating this activity.

This Council resolves:

- 1) To request the Licensing Committee to convene a Working Group with local businesses to examine the feasibility of introducing a voluntary ban on the sale of beer, cider or lager with an alcohol by volume of over 6.5% across Brighton and Hove off licences;
- 2) To request that officers investigate what incentives, such as offering free variations to licences for licensees that choose to formalise this arrangement, can be offered to local businesses to encourage participation in the scheme; and
- 3) That subject to the Licensing Committee agreeing to (1) above, request that the Working Group report back on progress on this initiative to the March 2014 Licensing Committee Meeting.”

Proposed by: Cllr Lepper

Seconded by: Cllr Marsh

Supported by: Cllrs Mitchell, Fitch, Hamilton, Wilson, Carden, Farrow, Pissaridou, Gilbey, Morgan, Robins, Daniel and Meadows.

