

<b>Council</b>	<b>Agenda Item 69 (c)</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	Brighton & Hove City Council

**NOTICE OF MOTION  
CONSERVATIVE GROUP**

**MULTIPLE BIRTHS**

This Council notes with regret figures from the Twins & Multiple Births Association (Tamba) which state that multiple pregnancies make up 3% of all births but account for more than 7% of stillbirths and 14% of neonatal deaths.

This Council notes the £3.8bn of additional funding for the NHS allocated for 2016/17 announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and resolves to:

1. Call on NHS England to consider the allocation of funds for further assistance to parents who have experienced multiple births and investigate improvements in care to reduce the number of stillbirths and neonatal deaths.
2. Request the Chief Executive to write to NHS England to ask to what degree the clinical guidance and quality standards published by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) have been implemented in Brighton and Hove.

Proposed by: Councillor Nick Taylor    Seconded by: Councillor Ann Norman

Supported by: All Conservative Group

Supporting information:

The incidence of multiple births has risen in the last 30 years. In 2008, 15.5 women per 1000 giving birth in England and Wales had multiple births compared with 9.8 per 1000 in 1980. This rising multiple birth rate is mainly because of increasing use of assisted reproduction techniques.

Multiple pregnancy is associated with higher risks for the mother and babies. Women with multiple pregnancies have an increased risk of miscarriage, anaemia, hypertensive disorders, haemorrhage, operative delivery and postnatal illness. Overall maternal mortality associated with multiple births is 2.5 times that for single births.

The overall stillbirth rate in multiple pregnancies is higher than in single pregnancies and there are additional risks to the babies include intrauterine growth restriction and congenital abnormalities.

