

**NOTICE OF MOTION****CONSERVATIVE GROUP****POST CHRISTMAS SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE**

This Council resolves to:

- (1) Request Officers to investigate the viability of introducing free parking at Norton Road, London Road, Regency Square, High Street and Trafalgar Street car parks during periods in February when parking capacity is most underused; and
- (2) Request that a report on financial impact be brought to PR&G on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Proposed by: Cllr Lee Wares

Seconded by: Cllr Steve Bell

Supporting Information:

BHCC has been ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the Country and top outside the Capital as raking in £21,934,536 from parking charges and fines in 2016/17. Revenue from off street parking totalled £5,917,078 with a net income of £2,869,184. These are BHCC's own figures from the Annual Parking report.

Traders find the post-Christmas period very difficult, and with inclement weather it can be very difficult to attract customers into the city. A temporary suspension of parking charges, at selected locations and times where demand is typically lowest at this point in the year, will give our city's businesses a much needed boost.

