

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

21 JULY 2005

4.30PM

TOWN HALL, HOVE

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Carden (Mayor); Councillors Allen, Barnett, Battle, Bennett, Bodfish, Mrs Brown, Burgess, Mrs Cobb, Davidson, Mrs Drake, Edmond-Smith, Elgood, Fitch, Forester, Framroze, Giebeler, Hamilton, Hawkes, Hazelgrove, Hyde, John, Kemble, Lepper, Mallender, McCaffery, Meadows, Mears, Meegan, Mitchell, Morgan, Mrs A Norman, K Norman, Older, Oxley, Paskins, Peltzer Dunn, Pennington, Pidgeon, Randall, Mrs Simson, Smith, Taylor, Mrs C Theobald, G Theobald, Tonks, Turner, Turton, Watkins, Wells, Williams, Willows, Wrighton and Young.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

11.1 Councillor Elgood declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 8.1(a) concerning the King Alfred as a result of public views expressed during the General Election.

11.2 Councillors Kemble and Peltzer Dunn declared personal interests in item 9 as members of the Hove Deep Sea Anglers Club.

12. MINUTES

12.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 April 2005 and the Annual meeting held on 12 May 2005 be approved and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

13. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

13.1 The Mayor reported on the deaths of Barry Funnell, former Mayor of Hove; Bill Clements, former Mayor of Brighton and Eve Wakefield. The Council stood for a minute's silence to respect their memory.

13.2 The Mayor also reported on a charity event organised by Councillor Elgood that would be taking place at the Oriental Public House at the weekend that had generated funds for the Macmillan Cancer Fund.

13.3 The Mayor also invited Councillor Mitchell to say a few words about the Council winning the Transport Local Authority of the Year at the National Transport Awards.

14. PETITIONS

14.1 The Mayor invited the submission of petitions from Councillors. He reminded the Council that petitions would be referred to the appropriate Committee or Sub-Committee without debate and the Councillor presenting the petition would be invited to attend the meeting to which the petition was referred.

14.2 Councillor Tonks presented a petition signed by 84 residents of Birdham Road and a petition signed by 265 residents in Queen's Park Ward asking Councillors to vote against the transfer of council houses to a housing association.

14.3 Councillor Tonks presented a petition signed by 161 residents concerning the proposed closure of the Hillview Family Centre in Moulsecoomb.

14.4 Councillor Hazelgrove presented a petition signed by 63 residents in north Moulsecoomb asking Councillors to vote against the transfer of council houses to a housing association.

14.5 Councillor Hazelgrove presented a petition signed by 25 residents in Hornby Road asking the Councillors to vote against the transfer of council houses to a housing association.

14.6 Councillor Taylor presented a petition signed by 152 residents concerning the restoration of the 920 Biography Section at the Jubilee Library.

14.7 Councillor Paskins presented a petition signed by 140 residents concerning the restoration of the crime fiction section at the Jubilee Library.

14.8 Councillor Barnett presented a petition signed by 126 residents concerning the restoration of all services at Hangleton and Portslade Libraries with immediate effect.

14.9 Councillor Oxley presented a petition signed by 300 residents concerning opposition to large-scale housing development on the King Alfred site.

14.10 Councillor Giebeler presented a petition signed by 2349 residents against the King Alfred development focusing on housing and not sports facilities.

14.11 Councillor Watkins presented a petition signed by 125 residents supporting a one way traffic management system in Palmeira Square and Adelaide Crescent.

14.12 Councillor Davidson presented a petition signed by 65 residents concerning the Lady Orchid Flower Stall in Norfolk Square.

14.13 Councillor Elgood presented a petition signed by 87 residents concerning the introduction of communal bins in Waterloo Street.

14.14 Councillor Edmond-Smith presented a petition signed by 350 residents concerning the William Clarke Park and asking for support and improvements to the park.

14.15 Councillor Pennington presented a petition signed by 25 residents concerning the Norfolk Square Flower premises.

14.16 Councillor Forester presented a petition signed by 62 residents concerning lifts in Leach Court.

14.17 Councillor Allen presented a petition signed by 10 residents asking Councillors to vote against the transfer of council houses to housing associations.

14.18 Councillor Lepper presented a petition signed by 148 residents concerning a mobile phone mast at Denton Drive and Carden Avenue.

14.19 Councillor Burgess presented a petition signed by 131 residents calling for a new pedestrian crossing in Eastern Road.

15. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

15.1 The Mayor reported that four written questions had been received from members of the public.

15.2 Mr C R Chapman submitted the following question:

"I would like to know what action the Council aims to take concerning the 'black plastic bag saga' in Kemp Town, which sometimes resembles a rubbish tip with bags ripped open and rubbish and rotten food over the pavements, week after week it's the same? Has the Council considered providing dustbins or wheelie bins?"

Mr Chapman was not present at the meeting and therefore he received a written reply.

15.3 Mr Nigel Furness asked the following question:

"Would Councillor Mitchell please tell us whether enforcement action has been taken against the owners of 1 Western Road so that the building, which is the gateway to Hove, does not fall into further disrepair?"

Councillor Mitchell replied. Mr Furness asked a supplementary question and received a further reply from Councillor Mitchell.

15.4 Ms Valerie Paynter asked the following question:

"Whatever became of the Characterisation Study? Is it still going to be produced and can we know what range of subject areas it will contain and reflect, please? What will it say about Brighton and Hove?"

Councillor Mitchell replied. Ms Paynter asked a supplementary question and received a further reply from Councillor Mitchell.

15.5 Mr James Ledward asked the following question:

"Are the extreme views expressed by both Councillors Pidgeon and Willows in the national tabloid press and Argus about the fact finding visit of the Sussex Police LGBT Liaison Officers to San Francisco, the views of the Equalities Forum and Community Safety Forum?"

Councillor Bodfish replied. Mr Ledward asked a supplementary question and received a further reply from Councillor Bodfish. In addition Councillor Elgood made a statement as Chair of the Equalities Forum.

16. DEPUTATIONS

16.1 The Council heard a Deputation concerning ways to improve the management of Council Housing. Ms Rosemary Collins was the spokesperson on behalf of residents. Councillor Turner replied.

16.2 The Mayor thanked Ms Collins for attending the meeting and speaking on behalf of the Deputation. He explained that the points made had been noted and would now be referred to the appropriate Committee. The persons forming the Deputation would be invited to attend the Committee meeting and would be informed subsequently of any action taken or proposed in relation to the matters set out by the Deputation.

17. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

17.1 The Mayor reminded the Council that Councillors' questions were now taken as read by reference to the list, which had been circulated.

17.2 Questions on the following subjects were replied to by the appropriate Councillor as follows:-

Questioner	Subject	Reply by
Councillor Oxley (and supplementary question from Councillor Oxley)	All-postal ballot and/or e-voting pilot for the municipal election in 2007	Councillor Bodfish
Councillor Oxley (and supplementary questions from Councillors Oxley and Peltzer Dunn)	Net cost to the Council of National Government Pilots in which the Council has been involved since 1997	Councillor Burgess
Councillor Oxley (and supplementary question from Councillor Oxley)	The effect of the recent Brighton Festival on the financial standing of the Dome	Councillor John
Councillor Young (and supplementary questions from Councillors Young and Older)	Books from Council libraries sold to a bookshop in Hay-on-Wye	Councillor John

18. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: CALLOVER

18.1 The following items were reserved for discussion:

Committee	Item
Special Policy and Resources Committee: 6 June 2005	8.1(a) King Alfred Development – Evaluation of Stage C Design
Policy and Resources Committee: 22 June 2005	8.2(a) Adoption of the Brighton & Hove Local Plan and report of responses received following the advertisement of the Schedule of Proposed Modifications
Policy and Resources Committee: 13 July 2005	8.3(a) Provisional Local Transport Plan 2006/7 – 2010/11
Housing Committee: 12 July 2005	8.4(a) Housing Stock Options Appraisal

18.2 The Chief Executive confirmed that all the items set out in 18.1 were reserved for discussion.

19. ORAL QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

19.1 There were no oral questions from Councillors as all items had been reserved.

20. KING ALFRED DEVELOPMENT – EVALUATION OF STAGE C DESIGN

20.1 It was moved by Councillor Bodfish that the report of the Policy and Resources Committee in relation to the King Alfred Development – Evaluation of Stage C Design be received.

20.2 The motion was carried.

21. ADOPTION OF THE BRIGHTON & HOVE LOCAL PLAN AND REPORT OF RESPONSES RECEIVED FOLLOWING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

21.1 It was moved by Councillor Mitchell that the report of the Policy and Resources Committee in relation to the adoption of the Brighton & Hove Local Plan and report of responses received following the advertisement of the schedule of proposed modifications be approved.

21.2 The motion was carried.

22. PROVISIONAL LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006/7 – 2010/11

22.1 It was moved by Councillor Mitchell that the report of the Policy and Resources Committee in relation to the Provisional Local Transport Plan 2006/7 – 2010/11 be approved.

22.2 The motion was carried.

23. HOUSING STOCK OPTIONS APPRAISAL

23.1 It was moved by Councillor Turner that the report and recommendations of the Housing Committee as set out below in relation to the Housing Stock Options Appraisal be approved:

RESOLVED – To recommend to full Council that it:-

- (i) approves the draft Options Appraisal Executive Summary (Appendix 2 of the report);
- (ii) authorises the Director of Housing and City Support to finalise and oversee the submission of the full Options Appraisal report to the Government

Office for the South East (GOSE) for sign-off, once a final decision has been reached;

- (iii) notes the view expressed by the Housing Management Sub-Committee that neither option be approved;
- (iv) authorises the Director of Housing and City Support to develop the application ('bid') for the chosen option;
- (v) confirms that in its opinion the decisions made in response to this report are urgent ones and, subject to the agreement of the Chief Executive, shall not be subject to call-in;
- (vi) approves a whole stock transfer with a community gateway approach with the Council agreeing the recommendations of the Joint Evaluation Panel to establish a new RSL.

23.2 Councillor Hazelgrove moved the following amendment that was seconded by Councillor Allen:

RESOLVED – To recommend to full Council that it:-

- (i) approves the draft Options Appraisal Executive Summary (Appendix 2 of the report);
- (ii) authorises the Director of Housing and City Support to finalise and oversee the submission of the full Options Appraisal report to the Government Office for the South East (GOSE) for sign-off, once a final decision has been reached;
- (iii) notes the view expressed by the Housing Management Sub-Committee that neither option be approved;
- (iv) authorises the Director of Housing and City Support to develop the application ('bid') for the chosen option;
- (v) confirms that in its opinion the decisions made in response to this report are urgent ones and, subject to the agreement of the Chief Executive, shall not be subject to call-in;
- ~~(vi) approves a whole stock transfer with a community gateway approach with the Council agreeing the recommendations of the Joint Evaluation Panel to establish a new RSL.~~
- (vi) *this Council affirms its support for the Housing Committee's decision of 19 January 2005 to recommend to Council the establishment of an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) to manage the*

Council's housing stock on behalf of the Council with a "Community Gateway" approach.

23.3 At the request of Members of the Council in accordance with Procedural Rule 28.2 a recorded vote on the amendment was taken as follows:

	NAME	For	Against	Abstain
Councillor	Allen	x		
	Barnett		x	
	Battle		x	
	Bennett		x	
	Bodfish		x	
	Mrs Brown		x	
	Burgess		x	
	Carden		x	
	Mrs Cobb		x	
	Davidson	x		
	Mrs Drake		x	
	Edmond-Smith	x		
	Elgood	x		
	Fitch	x		
	Forester		x	
	Framroze		x	
	Giebeler		x	
	Hamilton		x	
	Hawkes		x	
	Hazelgrove	x		
	Hyde		x	
	John		x	
Councillor	Kemble		x	
	Lepper		x	
	Mallender	x		

	NAME	For	Against	Abstain
	McCaffery	x		
	Meadows		x	
	Mears		x	
	Meegan	x		
	Mitchell		x	
	Morgan		x	
	Mrs Norman		x	
	K Norman		x	
	Older		x	
	Oxley		x	
	Paskins	x		
	Peltzer Dunn		x	
	Pennington	x		
	Pidgeon		x	
	Randall	x		
	Simson		x	
	Smith		x	
	Taylor	x		
	Mrs Theobald		x	
	G Theobald		x	
	Tonks		x	
	Turner		x	
	Turton	x		
	Watkins	x		
	Wells		x	
	Williams	x		
Councillor	Willows		x	
	Wrighton	x		
	Young		x	

NAME		For	Against	Abstain
	Total	17	37	0

23.4 The amendment was lost.

23.5 A recorded vote was taken on the substantive motion and the votes cast were as follows:

NAME		For	Against	Abstain
Councillor	Allen		x	
	Barnett	x		
	Battle	x		
	Bennett	x		
	Bodfish	x		
	Mrs Brown	x		
	Burgess	x		
	Carden	x		
	Mrs Cobb	x		
	Davidson		x	
	Mrs Drake	x		
	Edmond-Smith		x	
	Elgood		x	
	Fitch		x	
	Forester	x		
	Framroze	x		
	Giebeler		x	
	Hamilton	x		
	Hawkes	x		
	Hazelgrove		x	
	Hyde	x		
	John	x		
	Kemble	x		
	Lepper	x		

NAME		For	Against	Abstain
	Mallender		x	
	McCaffery		x	
	Meadows	x		
	Mears	x		
	Meegan		x	
	Mitchell	x		
	Morgan	x		
	Mrs Norman	x		
	K Norman	x		
	Older	x		
	Oxley	x		
	Paskins		x	
	Peltzer Dunn	x		
	Pennington	x		
	Pidgeon	x		
	Randall		x	
	Simson	x		
	Smith	x		
	Taylor		x	
	Mrs Theobald	x		
	G Theobald	x		
	Tonks		x	
	Turner	x		
	Turton		x	
	Watkins		x	
	Wells	x		
	Williams		x	
	Willows	x		
	Wrighton		x	

NAME		For	Against	Abstain
	Young	x		
	Total	36	18	0

23.6 The motion was carried.

24. SEASIDE PLEASURE BOAT AND BOAT BYELAWS

24.1 It was moved by Councillor Mitchell that the report of the Environment Committee in relation to seaside pleasure boat and boat byelaws be approved.

24.2 The motion was carried.

25. HOVE LETTINGS SCRUTINY

25.1 It was moved by Councillor Watkins that the report of the Scrutiny Panel on Hove Lettings be approved together with the Executive response.

25.2 The Motion was carried.

26. COMART SCRUTINY

26.1 It was moved by Councillor Wrighton that the report of the Scrutiny Panel on COMART be approved together with the Executive response.

26.2 The Motion was carried.

27. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Reopening of the Lewes to Uckfield Railway

27.1 The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Theobald and seconded by Councillor Pidgeon:

"This Council fully supports the reopening of the Lewes to Uckfield Railway Line. Linking Lewes to Uckfield by rail will once again have the following advantages to the residents and businesses of Brighton and Hove and to visitors to the city:

1. It will provide an alternative route between Brighton and London when works are being carried out on the main London to Brighton line and will be particularly advantageous to those wishing to travel between the two cities on Sundays when the main line is frequently interrupted by maintenance works.

2. The main line is now virtually at capacity and therefore the frequency and speed of trains could be increased.
3. It will enable employees of businesses and visitors to travel by rail to and from the growing communities of Uckfield and Crowborough."

27.2 The Motion was carried.

(b) International Aid & Development 2005: The Commission for Africa, Make Poverty History & Live 8

27.3 The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Framroze and seconded by Councillor Bodfish:

"This Council notes that:

- The Commission for Africa, chaired by the Prime Minister, and constituted of leading public figures from Africa and Europe, was set up to challenge the huge issues of poverty, poor governance and health problems which face Africa.
- The Commission published a report which looked at the serious long-term issues facing Africa, and set out what the wealthier nations should do to support the programme, and also what the African nations must do themselves to encourage economic growth and international trade, to promote good government, active civic participation and religious and cultural tolerance, and to ensure that access to basic education and healthcare is available to every African.
- The Make Poverty History campaign, a coalition of many non-governmental organisations, has been specifically set up to campaign on the three key issues of trade justice, debt cancellation and increased international aid, and they are seeking to ensure that the 2001 G8 promise to halve world poverty by 2015 is realised.
- To support the Make Poverty History campaign, Sir Bob Geldof and Live Aid will be organising a 'Live 8' event on 2 July 2005 in Hyde Park, to coincide with the beginning of the 2005 G8 Summit in Gleneagles.
- In this year of the UK Presidency of both the European Union and the G8, the British Government have an excellent opportunity to promote the recommendations of the report of the Commission for Africa to the richest nations around the world, and to support the key aims of the Make Poverty History campaign.
- Through a variety of events the people of Brighton and Hove have expressed their support for the Make Poverty History campaign.

This Council resolves to:

- Send a letter to the Prime Minister. This will include:
 - Support for the Commission for Africa, and the implementation of its recommendations.
 - Support for the Prime Minister to use this unique position of being concurrent President of the European Union and Chair of the 2005 G8 Summit in Gleneagles, to show clear and forceful leadership on issues of international development.
 - Support for international development to stand as a key theme, alongside climate change, for the 2005 G8 summit, and a restating of the target to halve world poverty by 2015.
 - A call for all nations to meet the Millennium Development Goals.
 - Support for the European Union pledge to double its development aid to poorer nations by 2010.
 - Support for the Make Poverty History campaign, and its three key aims.
- Send a letter of support to the Make Poverty History campaign, giving the Council's support for the aims of the campaign, and for the 'Live 8' event in London, and other peaceful demonstrations around the UK on 2 July, and during the Gleneagles summit.
- Encourage Brighton & Hove schools to make use of the educational resources provided by the Commission for Africa and the Make Poverty History campaign by drawing the availability of the resources to their attention."

27.4 Councillor Taylor moved the following amendment that was seconded by Councillor Randall:

"This Council notes that:

- The Commission for Africa, chaired by the Prime Minister, and constituted of leading public figures from Africa and Europe, was set up to challenge the huge issues of poverty, poor governance and health problems which face Africa.
- The Commission published a report which looked at the serious long-term issues facing Africa, and set out what the wealthier

nations should do to support the programme, and also what the African nations must do themselves to encourage economic growth and international trade, to promote good government, active civic participation and religious and cultural tolerance, and to ensure that access to basic education and healthcare is available to every African.

- The Make Poverty History campaign, a coalition of many non-governmental organisations, has been specifically set up to campaign on the three key issues of trade justice, debt cancellation and increased international aid, and they are seeking to ensure that the 2001 G8 promise to halve world poverty by 2015 is realised. *Make Poverty History states that the Commission's report does not go far enough, particularly in failing to call for effective regulation of multinational corporations operating in Africa.*
- To support the Make Poverty History campaign, Sir Bob Geldof and Live Aid will be organising a 'Live 8' event on 2 July 2005 in Hyde Park, to coincide with the beginning of the 2005 G8 Summit in Gleneagles.
- In this year of the UK Presidency of both the European Union and the G8, the British Government have an excellent opportunity to promote the recommendations of the report of the Commission for Africa to the richest nations around the world, and to support the key aims of the Make Poverty History campaign.
- Through a variety of events the people of Brighton and Hove have expressed their support for the Make Poverty History campaign.
- *The responses of Make Poverty History and its affiliated member organisations to the outcome of the G8 summit, whilst acknowledging partial success, remain largely negative. Make Poverty History states that "the G8 have chosen not to do all that campaigners insist is necessary to free people trapped in the prison of poverty."*

This Council resolves to:

- Send a letter to the Prime Minister. This will include:
 - Support for the Commission for Africa, and the implementation of its recommendations, *but raising concerns of the Make Poverty Coalition, particularly regarding the regulation of multinational corporations operating in Africa.*

- Support for the Prime Minister to use this unique position of being concurrent President of the European Union and Chair of the 2005 G8 Summit in Gleneagles, to show clear and forceful leadership on issues of international development.
- Support for international development to stand as a key theme, alongside climate change, for the 2005 G8 summit, and a restating of the target to halve world poverty by 2015.
- A call for all nations to meet the Millennium Development Goals.
- Support for the European Union pledge to double its development aid to poorer nations by 2010.
- Support for the Make Poverty History campaign, and its three key aims; *acknowledging that the G8 failed to fully meet the challenge put to them by campaigners. In areas of trade justice, debt and aid, much is still to be done by the world's leaders to bring about real change for the world's poor.*
- Send a letter of support to the Make Poverty History campaign, giving the Council's support for the aims of the campaign, and for the 'Live 8' event in London, and other peaceful demonstrations around the UK on 2 July, and during the Gleneagles summit.
- Encourage Brighton & Hove schools to make use of the educational resources provided by the Commission for Africa and the Make Poverty History campaign by drawing the availability of the resources to their attention.
- *To invite local representatives of Make Poverty History affiliate organisations to respond to the government's progress on the three campaign themes in a future issue of City News."*

27.5 Councillor Framroze accepted the amendment, which therefore became the substantive motion.

27.6 The motion was carried.

(c) Membership of Sussex Police Authority

27.7 The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Bodfish and seconded by Councillor Theobald:

"This City Council regrets that the residents of Brighton & Hove continue to be under-represented on the Sussex Police Authority. The Chief Executive is requested to write to the Chief Executives of East and West Sussex to re-convene the East/West Sussex County Councils/Brighton & Hove Joint Appointments Committee as a matter of urgency. The Joint Committee should review the membership of the Police Authority in order to enable the City Council to have two Members on the authority.

The City Council is also of the view that whilst remedying the current under-representation, this is only a temporary solution to a more fundamental problem in terms of the relationship between Sussex Police and the City Council. This City Council believes that the Sussex Police Authority no longer 'adds value' to policing in this city and calls upon the Home Secretary to undertake a review of these arrangements with an intent of strengthening the already excellent relationships between the Sussex Police and the City Council."

27.8 The Motion was carried.

(d) Graffiti Removal

27.9 The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kemble and seconded by Councillor Oxley:

"This Council expresses its grave disappointment and concern over the lack of progress that has been made in tackling graffiti in the 6 months since the notice of motion on graffiti removal was passed by Full Council on 20 January 2005. As the peak tourist season in Brighton & Hove approaches, some of the major routes into and around the city continue to give an extremely unfavourable impression to visitors and residents alike. In particular this Council notes that:

- No report has yet been put before the Environment Committee looking at what lessons can be learnt from Wandsworth Borough Council's Charter Mark award-winning graffiti removal service.
- The new powers to serve 'graffiti removal notices' contained in sections 48-52 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 have still not been rolled out to Brighton & Hove, in spite of the expectation that this would happen in March 2005.
- The informal agreement reached between Brighton & Hove City Council and NTL over graffiti removal on 'green boxes' has now broken down. Consequently, these boxes are in as bad a state as they have ever been.
- The need, in the light of the above, to urgently bring a report to the next meeting of the Environment Committee (8 September) detailing

how to address failings listed above, including identifying potential alternative funding streams for increasing the resources put into graffiti removal by the Council and possible use of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement Surpluses, which under the new Traffic Management Act 2004 can be used for 'Environmental improvement in the local authority's area'.

Therefore, this Council:

1. Urges the Environment Committee to consider this matter as a matter of urgency and, in any case, not later than its next meeting.
2. Instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary requesting that the section 48-52 powers of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 be rolled out to Brighton & Hove City Council as a matter of priority."

27.10 The Motion was carried.

(e) The London Bombings 7 July 2005

27.11 The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Bodfish and seconded by Councillor John:

"On 7 July 2005, more than 50 people were killed, and over 700 injured, by a series of explosions on the London Underground, and on a London bus, believed to be the work of terrorists.

This Council, on behalf of the people of Brighton & Hove:

1. Sends our sincere condolences to the families and friends of those who lost their lives and to those people who were injured.
2. Sends a message of solidarity and support to the people of London.
3. Sends our admiration and support to the Mayor of London and the GLA, to our many colleagues in local government in London and to the Metropolitan Police, British Transport Police, the London Fire Brigade, the London Ambulance Service, the National Health Service and Transport for London, for the effectiveness of the emergency planning and the heroism, compassion and dedication shown by community leaders and public servants in these terrible circumstances.
4. Condemns these terrorist atrocities, which are an attack on our democracy, and the cynical targeting of innocent civilians, which has shocked and appalled people of all faiths and creeds."

27.12 Councillor Taylor proposed the following amendment that was seconded by Councillor Randall:

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- ~~4. Condemns these terrorist atrocities, which are an attack on our democracy, and the cynical targeting of innocent civilians, which has shocked and appalled people of all faiths and creeds."~~
4. *Condemns all terrorist atrocities resulting in civilian death and injury, both at home and abroad. Such acts are attacks on common humanity, on democracy and are the antithesis of civilisation itself.*
5. *Voices a message of solidarity and reassurance to all those communities in this city and across the country who could be exposed to a greater risk of prejudice or hate crime in the light of the terror attacks."*

27.13 Councillor Bodfish accepted the amendment, which therefore became the substantive motion.

27.14 The motion was carried.

(f) The 2012 London Olympics & Paralympics

27.15 The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor John and seconded by Councillor Mitchell:

"On Wednesday 6 July, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that the 2012 Olympics & Paralympics will be held in London.

This Council:

1. Expresses sincere congratulations to the London 2012 bid team for their well-deserved success, and the very high standard of both the bid itself, and the presentation of it to the IOC and to the people of London.
2. Fully supports the expressed wish of the London bid to appeal to children and young people in the UK and around the world – not only to encourage more people to enjoy sport, but to encourage the wider social and health benefits of participation in sport.
3. Fully supports the significant regeneration of deprived areas of East London that are central to the bid.
4. Fully supports the commitment to affordable access to Olympic & Paralympic events, allowing as many people as possible, especially children and young people, to attend.
5. Welcomes the opportunity to promote Brighton & Hove as an excellent host city for Olympic & Paralympic teams from around the world to prepare for the games, and to enjoy their time in the UK.
6. Welcomes the opportunity to promote Brighton & Hove as an ideal destination for the many spectators from around the world who will attend the 2012 games, either as day visitors, or to enjoy a longer stay to enhance their experience of the UK. Tourism is expected to increase significantly before, during and well after the 2012 games, which will thereby assist this Council to maximise opportunities for Brighton & Hove to benefit from these very high profile events.
7. Welcomes the opportunity to use the Olympics & Paralympics as inspiration for our city's continuing commitment to encouraging people, especially children and young people, to engage in sporting activity and achievement and to lead active and healthy lives. This will inform both our ongoing work with the PCT and other partners on the local 'Active for Life' campaign and the promotion of sport and active living at city schools."

27.16 Councillor Randall proposed the following amendment that was seconded by Councillor Taylor:

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This Council:

1. Expresses sincere congratulations to the London 2012 bid team for their well-deserved success, and the very high standard of both the bid itself, and the presentation of it to the IOC and to the people of London.
2. Fully supports the expressed wish of the London bid to appeal to children and young people in the UK and around the world – not only to encourage more people to enjoy sport, but to encourage the wider social and health benefits of participation in sport.
3. Fully supports the significant regeneration of deprived areas of East London that are central to the bid *and urges the Government to ensure that any regeneration that results from the Olympics is genuinely sustainable.*
4. Fully supports the commitment to affordable access to Olympic & Paralympic events, allowing as many people as possible, especially children and young people, to attend.
5. Welcomes the opportunity to promote Brighton & Hove as an excellent host city for Olympic & Paralympic teams from around the world to prepare for the games, and to enjoy their time in the UK.
6. Welcomes the opportunity to promote Brighton & Hove as an ideal destination for the many spectators from around the world who will attend the 2012 games, either as day visitors, or to enjoy a longer stay to enhance their experience of the UK. Tourism is expected to increase significantly before, during and well after the 2012 games, which will thereby assist this Council to maximise opportunities for Brighton & Hove to benefit from these very high profile events.
8. Welcomes the opportunity to use the Olympics & Paralympics as inspiration for our city's continuing commitment to encouraging people, especially children and young people, to engage in sporting activity and achievement and to lead active and healthy lives. This will inform both our ongoing work with the PCT and other partners on the local 'Active for Life' campaign and the promotion of sport and active living at city schools."

27.17 Councillor John accepted the amendment, which therefore became the substantive motion.

27.18 The motion was carried.

(g) Peace Message

27.19 The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Randall and seconded by Councillor Fitch:

“This Council notes with concern the recent protests which have taken place at the EDO/MBM factory in Moulsecoomb which follow a High Court injunction, and have resulted in several Police arrests.

This Council upholds the right of citizens to peaceful and lawful protest.

EDO/MBM is part of an American owned group of companies manufacturing bomb release mechanisms, target scanners and weapons interfacing systems for aircraft and tanks. This technology is and has been used in Iraq conflict, where the loss of life is estimated at 100,000 people. These components are manufactured in the companies at the Farm Industrial Estate factory in Moulsecoomb.

This Council welcomes the following Peace Message launched by the Brighton & Hove branch of the UN Peace Messenger Association:

“BRIGHTON & HOVE PEACE MESSAGE

The City of Brighton & Hove is proud of being a UN Peace Messenger City, one of only 80 world-wide.

The city's tradition of welcoming diversity in residents and visitors alike is well established and internationally recognised. We celebrate every individual's right to live in peace and harmony, to learn and prosper in their communities, alongside people of all cultures, abilities and religions, irrespective of gender and sexuality, education, age or background.

The people of Brighton & Hove want to retain the reputation of being a City of Peace.

Whilst we welcome all visitors and all peaceful trade in Brighton & Hove, we the undersigned, deplore the manufacture or trade of armaments and weapon components within the city.

This trade is immoral and unwelcome and has no place in a UN Peace Messenger City.”

This Council accordingly resolves:

- To add the name of the City Council to the message
- To fly the UN Flag from Council buildings on September 21 2005, The International Day of Peace, and in subsequent years thereafter to show the city's support for the values that organisation espouses.”

27.20 The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Bodfish and seconded by Councillor Turner:

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27.21 The amendment was approved and therefore became the substantive motion.

27.22 The motion was carried.

(h) Fairer Voting in Local Government

27.23 The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Mallender:

"This Council notes its duty to promote community cohesion and active citizenship in its locality and notes the very important role that Councils are playing in developing more active participation by voters in elections.

The Council welcomes the Government's vision behind its piloting of schemes to improve voter turnout in local elections in England, recognising there has been a mixed experience with some positive outcomes.

However, the Council considers that the 'First Past The Post' voting system is producing serious distortions in democratic outcome in local elections (as it is in Parliamentary elections) and that it is increasingly becoming a barrier to fuller citizen participation, feeding the belief that 'voting does not make a difference'.

The Council believes that a more proportional voting system in local government would help Councils to be more accountable to their communities and help to cultivate citizen participation.

Accordingly, this Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the city's three MPs to request they lobby the Government to pilot representative voting systems for local government in England which could then inform the debate into reform of Parliamentary elections."

27.24 The Motion was lost.

(i) Refuse Collection from Houses in Multiple Occupation

27.25 The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Older and seconded by Councillor Young:

"This Council notes with concern the continuing problems associated with refuse collection from Houses in Multiple Occupation in certain areas of the City. There still appears to be widespread confusion amongst tenants and landlords over where to store rubbish/recycling and when the appropriate collection days are.

In the light of the above, this Council recognises that the following measures would go a long way towards remedying the situation:

1. Producing an information leaflet for distribution by letting/estate agents to tenants/owners of HMOs in the City explaining (a) when the appropriate collection day is; (b) where refuse storage and recycling areas are; (c) the importance of keeping refuse containerised and (d) the possible sanctions available if rubbish is allowed to spill out onto the street.
2. Taking stronger and more timely enforcement action against tenants/landlords who persistently fail to adequately contain their refuse on the street. This should include looking at introducing measures in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, such as Street Litter Control notices, at the earliest opportunity. In consultation with the Ward Councillors, particular problem areas could be targeted to make more effective use of resources.

Therefore, this Council urges the Environment Committee to consider these proposals as a matter of urgency."

27.26 Councillor Randall proposed the following amendment that was seconded by Councillor Taylor:

"This Council notes with concern the continuing problems associated with refuse collection from Houses in Multiple Occupation in certain areas of the City. There still appears to be widespread confusion amongst tenants and landlords over where to store rubbish/recycling and when the appropriate collection days are.

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3. *Launch a joint initiative with the university lettings teams and student union to produce a leaflet for the beginning of the next university year explaining students' responsibilities as tenants for refuse.*

Therefore, this Council urges the Environment Committee to consider these proposals as a matter of urgency."

27.27 Councillor Older accepted the amendment, which therefore became the substantive motion.

27.28 The motion was carried.

(j) Local Government Finance Settlements and the Lyons Review of Council Tax

27.29 Councillor Oxley stated that he had withdrawn the following Notice of Motion that had been seconded by Councillor Peltzer Dunn:

"This Council notes with regret the appalling financial settlements received by many local authorities in the south east, and Brighton & Hove City Council in particular, from the Labour Government, since the new Formula Spending Share system was introduced to replace Standard Spending Assessments in 2003/04. This trend of transferring resources from the south of England to the north has been independently confirmed by the Audit Commission. Brighton & Hove City Council has been at the 'floor' level of grant increase in each of the 3 settlements under FSS and the protection received by the Council from the 'floor' amounts to over £38 million. Indeed, the protection received for the current financial year was more than double that of any other top-tier authority in the country and amounted to almost 20% of the total national cost of grant floor protection.

Furthermore, the residents of Brighton & Hove have been further penalised by the Council's Labour Administration who have presided over a doubling of the Council Tax rate since the Unitary Authority was set up in 1997. Indeed, this increase would have been much greater still had it not been for the use of parking charges as an additional revenue source in recent years.

A further cloud on the horizon is the Government's Council Tax revaluation exercise which will come into effect in the financial year 2007-08. This could see further shifts of grant away from the south east because of the relatively high house price inflation in the region since the last valuation. Changes in the number of bands, as proposed in the Government's balance of funding review, could also add to this effect and would impact particularly badly on those residents who are beyond benefit assistance but are relying on fixed incomes or those where disposable incomes are already under pressure to support relatively high house prices.

This Council further notes that Brighton & Hove City Council has contributed to a joint submission on behalf of all Unitary authorities to the ongoing Lyons Inquiry into local government funding, which is due to report at the end of 2005.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

1. Set out and expand on the concerns raised above in a further formal submission to the ongoing Lyons Inquiry which specifically deals with Brighton & Hove's problems in a South East region context.
2. Instruct the Chief Executive to formally approach other local authorities in the South East, including East and West Sussex County Councils, with a view to making joint representation to the ODPM over the unfairness of the Government's FSS system."

(k) Omar Deghayes

27.30 The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Burgess:

"On its meeting of March 10 2005 this Council agreed to support the calls for justice in the case of Omar Deghayes, the Saltdean resident who has been detained by the American military since 2002 without either charges or trial in Guantánamo Bay.

This Council believes that the due process of law is a basic human right, and that prolonged detention without trial or formal charges being laid or the opportunity to construct a legal defence is immoral, as everyone is entitled to a fair trial. Further this Council is charged with the city's social well being, and acknowledges the harm and distress this continuing detention is causing to Mr Deghayes's family, particularly to his mother who is still a Saltdean resident.

This Council further notes with concern reports that whilst incarcerated at Guantánamo Bay, Mr Deghayes has received at least two confirmed visits from Libyan Secret Service Agents. Mr Deghayes has stated that the Agents threatened that he will be killed should he return to Libya, his country of birth from which his family fled after his father was assassinated.

This Council welcomes the news that the three city MPs have tabled an Early Day Motion to either bring Mr Deghayes to trial in a court of law, or return him to face trial in the UK - should the police deem it appropriate.

This Council therefore resolves;

- To congratulate the city's MPs on tabling their Early Day Motion and calls for MPs from all parties to add their signatures to it

- To write to the Home Secretary backing Dr Des Turner MP in his request for an urgent meeting with the Home Office and Mr Deghayes's legal team to underline the danger that Mr Deghayes would face if he were returned to Libya, and press the American Authorities to return him into the UK, so that the due process of law may follow unhindered."

27.31 The Motion was carried.

(l) Community Defibrillator Initiative

27.32 The Mayor reported that the following Notice of Motion would be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee without discussion in accordance with Procedural Rule 9.2:

"It is an unfortunate fact that if you suffer a cardiac arrest you have a far better chance of surviving in a Las Vegas casino than here. A recent study found 53% of victims there survived. Here, shockingly only 2% of patients suffering a cardiac arrest outside hospital survive. This figure could be dramatically improved if portable defibrillators were readily available in the community. After cardiac arrest every lapsed minute without effective treatment results in a 20% rise in mortality, this is why it is vital to have a community scheme in co-operation with Sussex Ambulance Service in place.

We urge this Council to lead by example in placing machines in both Town Halls and promoting an innovative local scheme to encourage their introduction into locations such as doctors surgeries, leisure centres, large hotels, office complexes and other major public venues."

(m) Tennis – Park Fees

27.33 The Mayor reported that the following Notice of Motion would be referred to the Environment Committee without discussion in accordance with Procedural Rule 9.2:

"In view of the fact that children are now encouraged to play sport for their health with the Government's Sports Strategy, it is illogical that they are required to pay expensive charges to use the local tennis courts in our public parks. At present fees for under 18 years are £3.00 per court for one hour. Adults £6.00 per court for one hour. This eliminates children whose parents are unable to pay.

Park fees are set by the local authorities and it is requested that Brighton & Hove City Council allow children under the age of 18 years to use the courts free and an accompanying adult to be charged £1 per hour. This could apply to school holidays and weekends. Some courts can still be set aside for adults at full price.

Our aim is to encourage sport, not only for health but for future champions. With the Olympics being chosen to take place in London 2012, it is even more important to give every encouragement for children to participate in many sports. Tennis being one of them.

Schools and parks are the stepping stones to the future of increasing the tennis playing community where youngsters can start at an early age."

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm.

Signed

Mayor

Dated this

day of

2005