



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

**COUNCIL
ADDENDUM**

4.30PM, THURSDAY, 16 JULY 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

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	(c) Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education - Amendment from the Labour & Co-operative Group proposed by Councillor Moonan (copy attached).	

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority at each ordinary meeting of the Council.

Every question shall be put and answered without discussion, but the person to whom a question has been put may decline to answer. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public.

(a) Ms. A. Gilbert

“What is the City Council’s strategy for maintaining bio-diversity and wildlife corridors whilst striving to reach Brighton and Hove’s challenging housing targets. In the light of the adopted policy under the Community Sustainability Plan 2012-16 which advocates: ‘Protecting and expanding old habitats and creating new space for wildlife?’

We understand there is potential for the development of existing brownfield sites for housing (an area approximating 80 football pitches) and suggest it right and proper that all such potential sites be studied carefully prior to any consideration for development which would encroach on our precious wildlife corridors with habitats for thriving flora and fauna, not to mention irreversibly changing our historic villages.”

Councillor Morgan, Leader of the Council will reply.

(b) Mr. J. Stanley

“Why is the Council prioritising seafront flats for millionaires in Kings House over the needs of 1050 local Hove children who will now have to endure a 45 minute journey to and from school every day? (A total of 90 minutes per day).”

Councillor Morgan, Leader of the Council will reply.

(c) Mr. T. Kemble

“The Council closed the toilets at Hove Town Hall Car Park as facilities were available at Hove Town Hall. Following the closure of Hove Town Hall there are no toilet facilities available although the Car Park toilets are open at the weekend. Would the Council kindly explain why the toilets at hove car Park cannot be open 7 days a week until the Town Hall refurbishment is completed?”

Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.

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PETITION REPORT

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

ST AUBYN'S PLAYING FIELD IN ROTTINGDEAN

Amend recommendation 2.1 with the insertion of the text as shown in bold italics and deletion of the text as struck through:

That the petition is ~~noted and~~ referred to the Economic Development & Culture Committee for consideration at its next meeting, ***with a recommendation that St Aubyns Playing Field is designated a Local Green Space at the earliest opportunity.***

Proposed by: Cllr Mears

Seconded by: Cllr Bell

REVISED RECOMMENDATION AS AMENDED

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the petition is referred to the Economic Development & Culture Committee for consideration at its next meeting, with a recommendation that St Aubyns Playing Field is designated a Local Green Space at the earliest opportunity.

ORAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

A period of not more than 30 minutes is set aside for oral questions from Members, at the expiry of which, the Mayor will call a halt and proceed to the next item of business of the agenda. Any Member whose question then remains outstanding will be contacted to determine whether they wish to have a written answer provided or for their question to be carried over to the next meeting.

The following Members have indicated that they wish to put questions to the Leader, Chairs of Committees or Members of the Council that have been appointed to an outside body. The Councillor asking the question may then ask one relevant supplementary question which shall be put and answered without discussion:

(a) Councillor G. Theobald

Subject matter – Prevent Agenda

Reply from Councillor Daniel, Chair of the Neighbourhoods, Communities & Equalities Committee

(b) Councillor Mac Cafferty

Subject matter – Council Budget Development

Reply from Councillor Hamilton, Deputy Chair (Finance) of the Policy & Resources Committee

(c) Councillor Simson

Subject matter – Legal Highs

Reply from Councillor Yates, Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board

(d) Councillor Sykes

Subject matter – Use of Social Media

Reply from Councillor Morgan, Leader of the Council

(e) Councillor Mears

Subject matter – Housing Services Accessibility

Reply from Councillor Meadows, Chair of the Housing Committee & New Homes Committee

(f) Councillor Phillips

Subject matter – Brighton University Free School

Reply from Councillor Bewick, Chair of the Children, Young People & Skills Committee

(g) Councillor Bell

Subject matter – Travellers – Response to Unauthorised Encampments

Reply from Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

(h) Councillor Druitt

Subject matter – Trees

Reply from Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

(i) Councillor Littman

Subject matter – Chief Executive

Reply from Councillor Morgan, Leader of the Council

(j) Councillor Page

Subject matter – Primary Care Services

Reply from Councillor Yates, Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board

Council	Agenda Item 24
16 July 2015	Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Treasury Management Policy Statement 2014/15 – End of Year Review – Extract from the proceedings of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on the 9th July 2015		
Date of Meeting:	16 July 2015		
Report of:	Head of Legal & Democratic Services		
Contact Officer:	Name: Ross Keatley	Tel: 29-1064	
	E-mail: ross.keatley@brighton-hove.gov.uk		
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

Action Required of the Council:
To receive the item referred from the Policy & Resources Committee for decision.
Recommendation:
That Council approve amendments to the Annual Investment Strategy as set out in paragraphs Error! Reference source not found. to Error! Reference source not found. of this report.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

4.00pm 9 JULY 2015

AUDITORIUM - THE BRIGHTELM CENTRE

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Morgan (Chair) Councillors Hamilton (Deputy Chair), G Theobald (Opposition Spokesperson), Mac Cafferty (Group Spokesperson), Janio, Meadows, Mitchell, A Norman, Sykes and Wealls

PART ONE

23 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT 2014/15 - END OF YEAR REVIEW

- 23.1 The Committee considered a report of the Interim Executive Director for Finance & Resources in relation to Treasury Management Policy Statement (TMPS) 2014/15 – End of Year Review. The 2014/15 Treasury Management Policy Statement practices and schedules were approved by the Committee on 20 March 2014. The TMPS set out the role of Treasury Management whilst the practices and schedules set out the annual targets and methods by which these targets would be met. The TMPS included the Annual Investment Strategy which set out the key parameters for investing Council cash funds and was adopted at Council on 27 March 2014.
- 23.2 In response to Councillor Sykes the Interim Executive Director confirmed that the authorised limit was the maximum level of borrowing that could be outstanding at any one time; this limit was set by statute as part of the Local Government Act 2003. It was also confirmed that there were no proposed changes or cuts to the Treasury Management Team.
- 23.3 In response to Councillor Mac Cafferty it was explained that the investment strategy of the Council was very risk adverse and the Council used external help to ensure it was making sound investments. Investments were typically short to ensure there was a strong recovery of invested money.
- 23.4 Councillor A. Norman stated she had always been very impressed by the work of the Treasury Team, and she hoped that more could be done to make residents aware of the careful investment of Council funds on their behalf.
- 23.5 Councillor Hamilton highlighted the low risk of investments and stated he had full confidence in the Treasury Team. Councillor G. Theobald also commended the work of the team.
- 23.6 The Chair then put the recommendations to the vote.
- 23.7 **RESOLVED:**
- 1) That Policy & Resources Committee endorses the key actions taken during the second half of 2014/15 to meet the treasury management policy statement and practices (including the investment strategy) as set out in this report.
 - 2) That Policy & Resources Committee note the reported compliance with the Annual Investment Strategy for the period under review.
 - 3) That Policy & Resources Committee notes that the approved maximum indicator for investment risk of 0.05% has been adhered to and the authorised limit and operational boundary have not been exceeded.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

- 4) That Policy & Resources Committee recommend to full Council to approve amendments to the Annual Investment Strategy as set out in paragraphs 3.16 to 3.19 of this report.

Council	Agenda Item 28
16 July 2015	Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	New Homes for Neighbourhoods – Final Scheme Approval – Findon Road and Garage Sites Update - Extract from the proceedings of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on the 9th July 2015		
Date of Meeting:	16 July 2015		
Report of:	Head of Legal & Democratic Services		
Contact Officer:	Name: Ross Keatley	Tel: 29-1064	
	E-mail: ross.keatley@brighton-hove.gov.uk		
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

<p>Action Required of the Council: To receive the item referred from the Housing & New Homes Committee for information:</p>
<p>Recommendation: That Council note the report referred for information from Housing & New Homes Committee.</p>

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PART ONE

32 NEW HOMES FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS - FINAL SCHEME APPROVAL - FINDON ROAD AND GARAGE SITES UPDATE

32.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director for Environment, Development & Housing in relation to New Homes for Neighbourhoods – Final Scheme

Approval – Findon Road and garage sites update; the report had also been considered by the Housing & New Homes Committee on 17 June 2015. The report focused on development proposals for the site at Findon Road, Whitehawk (former library site) and updated the Committee on the progress of four sites being delivered by the Council's development agent – the Guinness Partnership.

- 32.2 Councillor Meadows spoke to the report in her capacity as the Chair of the Housing & New Homes Committee and explained that the plot at Findon Road had twice been offered out on the open market with no interest. The costs of the scheme benchmarked well, and the new homes provided would be large and fit for purpose – the scheme would also provide a new substation. The buildings would have solar panels on the grid to provide the Council with income which would be passed onto the tenants to reduce their costs for household bills. Councillor Meadows provided assurance that the Housing & New Homes Committee would monitor the scheme to ensure it came in on time.
- 32.3 The Chair noted that the Findon Road site was located in his, and Councillor Mitchell's, ward and had been empty for a number of years despite the need for new homes in the area. He commended the work of the Neighbourhood and Regeneration Team – in particular their success at involving residents.
- 32.4 Councillor G. Theobald noted there had been concerns raised at the Housing & New Homes Committee in relation to the costs per unit; whilst the Committee were asked to approve the land sale and the budget provision he asked for assurance that the cost per unit was reasonable. In response the Head of City Regeneration explained that there were some anomalies at the site in relation to ground works and changes in levels; there were also higher costs associated with the quality of the design that the scheme sought to achieve. With all this in mind the cost per unit compared favourable, and this was benchmarked by a quality surveyor who provided assurance around value for money. All of this was reported to the project board which involved local Councillors.
- 32.5 In response to Councillor Wealls it was explained that the developer had already been procured early on and this would be Westridge who were also undertaking the renovation works to Hove Town Hall.
- 32.6 The Chair then put the recommendations to the vote, and Councillors: G. Theobald, Wealls, Janio and A. Norman asked that their vote of abstention be recorded.
- 32.7 **RESOLVED** – That the Committee
- 1) Approve that the land at Findon Road, former Whitehawk library site is appropriated to the HRA for a capital receipt of £940,000 for planning purposes and the development of new housing.
 - 2) Approve a budget of £14.1 million for the Findon Road scheme in the HRA Capital Programme which will be financed through a mixture of unsupported borrowing and retained Right to Buy capital receipts.

- 3) That the site at the former Whitehawk Community Complex, Whitehawk Road, Brighton, BN2 5FP (referred to in this report as the former library site at Findon Road, Whitehawk) is appropriated for planning purposes and the development of new housing.
- 4) That the sites at 4-7, 10 and 15-20 Kensington Street, Brighton, BN4 1AJ is appropriated for planning purposes and the development of new housing.

NOTICE OF MOTION**ST MUNGO'S CHARTER FOR HOMELESS HEALTH****GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**

To delete the second paragraph as struck through and in the 3rd paragraph replace 'signs' as struck through, with 'fully appraise itself of The St Mungo's Charter for homeless health, and considers signing' as shown in bold italics:

"This Council resolves to:

- Support the Health & Wellbeing Board's work to tackle health inequality and inclusion in relation to homelessness as exemplified in the recent report on health inequalities by the Director of Public Health.
- ~~Fully support the objectives of the St Mungo's "Charter for homeless health";~~
- Request that the Health & Wellbeing Board ~~signs~~ ***fully appraise itself of The St Mungo's Charter for homeless health, and considers signing*** up to the charter as confirmation of the council's commitment."

Proposed by: Councillor Page

Seconded by: Councillor Phillips

Revised Motion:

"This Council resolves to:

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**NOTICE OF MOTION
REINSTATE THE INDEPENDENT LIVING FUND**

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

To delete text as struck through in paragraph 4

Council notes:

- With grave concern the cutting of the Independent Living Fund (ILF) from central government on 30th June. Disability charity, Scope, described the closure of the fund as "likely to lead to fewer disabled people being able to live independently"
- Funding has been devolved to councils to fund care for people with the most complex – and expensive– needs. However Councils throughout the country can't meet demand as it is.

Council deplures:

- On top of £4.6 bn cuts to social care funding nationwide in the last 4 years, there are at least £1.1bn "savings" expected in 15/16, as well as further cuts from the Chancellor's Welfare Budget;
- ~~In devolving the decision to the council, the 5% cut in funds transferred from government to support ILF recipients in Brighton and Hove;~~
- The net effect of these decisions given how cuts are already affecting councils will be to strike at the autonomy of disabled people who should be entitled to live independently.

Council resolves to:

- If government fails to reinstate ILF, to ask Policy and Resources Committee to ring-fence funding to individual ILF users in Brighton and Hove up until the end of financial year 2019;

To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions appealing for the reinstatement of ILF at its full value, funded by central government which will give back genuine independence for disabled people in our city.

Proposed by: Councillor Mac Cafferty Seconded by: Councillor Page

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**NOTICE OF MOTION
REINSTATE THE INDEPENDENT LIVING FUND**

LABOUR & CO-OPERATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

To delete text as struck through in paragraphs 4, 6 and 7:

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~~To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to ensure that ILF is continued in its present form and linked to inflation, enabling disabled people in our city to live genuinely independent lives. appealing for the reinstatement of ILF at its full value, funded by central government which will give back genuine independence for disabled people in our city.~~

Proposed by: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded by: Councillor Barford

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NOTICE OF MOTION**PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH & ECONOMIC EDUCATION****LABOUR & CO-OPERATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT**

To delete the text as struck through in paragraphs 3 and 4 and insert the wording, as shown in bold italics in paragraph 4:

"This Council congratulates educators, young people and children, parents, governors and council officers for their ongoing hard work on Personal, Social, Health & Economic (PSHE) education across Brighton & Hove.

The Council notes the important role of PSHE education in helping our children and young people to develop the skills and knowledge needed to navigate the world they are growing into, including around relationships, respect and responsibilities along with sex, nutrition and drugs & alcohol use. PSHE offers whole person education - tools which can be used throughout life.

The Council express its concern that currently PSHE is an optional subject, without statutory status, ~~and consequently some children and young people miss out on it and training for teachers is not prioritised.~~ Allowing PSHE Statutory status is key to unlocking the training that teachers need to support them in this complex and essential task.

The Council therefore requests that:

- (1) The Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Education, expressing the view that PSHE education should be made statutory and funded in all ~~primary and secondary~~ schools in Brighton and Hove and across the country; ***that teachers delivering this curriculum are adequately trained and supported to carry out this sensitive work and that schools work in partnership with those who have expertise in these topics within the voluntary, health and business sectors, to encourage a more holistic approach to teaching and learning in our schools; a new approach that will genuinely leave no child left behind.***
- (2) That a copy of the letter is sent to local MPs and local trade unions in education seeking their support and asking that they also write to the Secretary of State for Education."

Proposed by: Councillor Moonan

Seconded by: Councillor Bewick

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