

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

12.00pm 13 OCTOBER 2021

HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER

DECISION LIST

Part One

46 CITY CLEAN DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Chief Executive as Head of Paid Service and his management team be instructed to urgently seek agreement with the GMB based on the steer provided in part II of the meeting as a framework, with the objective of getting best value for council taxpayers and addressing low pay; taking into account legal and financial advice, and report back to a future meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee once negotiations have been concluded;
- (2) That it be noted that any resulting financial commitments would need to be factored into the sequence of reports leading up to and including Budget Council and will be considered by the cross-party Budget Review Group as part of the process;
- (3) That the negotiating team be instructed to immediately seek a dispensation specifically to urgently address fire safety issues on behalf of residents, namely relating to bin stores, if the request to suspend strike in (4) below is not agreed by the GMB;
- (4) That the Chief Executive be instructed to immediately engage additional third-party support (as outlined in section 4 of the report) to advise the negotiating teams in swiftly resolving the dispute in the interest of residents and businesses and ask the GMB to suspend strike action on this basis, so that an agreed negotiator can be found; and
- (5) That it be noted that during the debate a Conservative Group Councillor used the words “we cannot negotiate with terrorists” in relation to the GMB

Union. The committee completely condemns these totally unacceptable remarks.