POLICY & RESOURCES RECOVERY SUB-COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 5

29 May 2020

Brighton & Hove City Council

COVID-19 CITY RECOVERY PROGRAMME – PROGRESS UPDATE JOINT GREEN AND LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

To add recommendations 2.2 and 2.3 as shown below in **bold italics**,

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 - latest Government guidance indicating that non-essential retail will reopen on 15th June, requiring more immediate changes to our transport network to allow for safe 'social distancing,' than can be realised by the next meeting of Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee;
 - the strength of feeling in the city for transport network changes, to facilitate road safety, walking and cycling, reduce toxic emissions, as well as support the safe use of public transport;
 - plans agreed by Urgency Policy and Resources Committee to bring forward urgent transport changes, and the current LCWIP consultation;
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and therefore agrees:

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- that further to guidance on reopening of schools, to swiftly progress safe 'school streets' initiatives across the city.

Proposed by: Cllr Mac Cafferty and Cllr Platts Seconded by: Cllr Gibson and Cllr Yates

Recommendation if carried to read:

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