

**POLICY & RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

18 March 2021

Agenda Item 157 (2)

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	COP 26 & Wellbeing of Future Generations: Notice of Motion referred from the Council meeting held on the 28 January 2021		
Date of Meeting:	18 March 2021		
Report of:	Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law		
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To receive the following Notice of Motion which was debated at and referred from the full Council meeting held on the 28 January 2021.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee responds to the motion concerning the COP 26 & Wellbeing of Future Generations, either by noting it or where it is considered more appropriate, calling for an officer report on the matter as requested, which may give consideration to a range of options.

3. CONTEXT / BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The following resolution from the full council meeting held on the 28 January 2021 for the committee to consider is detailed below:

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL**

**4.30pm 28 JANUARY 2021
VIRTUAL**

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Robins (Chair), Mears (Deputy Chair), Allcock, Appich, Atkinson, Bagaean, Barnett, Bell, Brennan, Brown, Childs, Clare, Davis, Deane, Druitt, Ebel, Evans, Fishleigh, Fowler, Gibson, Grimshaw, Hamilton, Heley, Henry, Hill, Hills, Hugh-Jones, Janio, Knight, Lewry, Littman, Lloyd, Mac Cafferty, McNair, Miller, Moonan, Nemeth, Nield,

O'Quinn, Osborne, Peltzer Dunn, Phillips, Pissaridou, Platts, Powell, Shanks, Simson, C Theobald, West, Wilkinson, Williams and Yates.

PART ONE

NOTICES OF MOTION

100 COP 26 & WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

100.1 The Notice of Motion as listed on the agenda was proposed by Councillor Phillips on behalf of the Green and Labour Groups and formally seconded by Councillor Platts.

100.2 Councillor Fishleigh proposed an amendment which was formally seconded by Councillor Janio.

100.3 Councillor Phillips noted the comments and confirmed that she would not accept the amendment.

100.4 The Mayor noted that the amendment had not been accepted and therefore put it to the vote and called on each of the Group Leaders to confirm their position as well as the Groups in turn and each of the Independent Members:

Councillor Mac Cafferty stated that the Green Group were against the amendment and this was confirmed by the Members of the Green Group;

Councillor Platts stated that the Labour Group were against the amendment and this was confirmed by the Members of the Labour Group;

Councillor Bell stated that the Conservative Group were voting for the amendment and this was confirmed by the Members of the Conservative Group;

Councillor Brennan confirmed that she was against the amendment;

Councillor Fishleigh confirmed that she was for the amendment;

Councillor Janio confirmed that he was for the amendment;

Councillor Knight confirmed that she was voting against the amendment.

100.5 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been lost and therefore put the motion as listed to the vote:

100.6 The Mayor called on each of the Group Leaders to confirm their position as well as the Groups in turn and each of the Independent Members:

Councillor Mac Cafferty stated that the Green Group were in favour of the motion and this was confirmed by the Members of the Green Group;

Councillor Platts stated that the Labour Group were in favour of the motion and this was confirmed by the Members of the Labour Group;

Councillor Bell stated that the Conservative Group were in favour of the motion, and this was confirmed by the Members of the Conservative Group;

Councillor Brennan confirmed that she was for the motion;

Councillor Fishleigh confirmed that she was for the motion;

Councillor Janio confirmed that he was for the motion;

Councillor Knight confirmed that she was for the motion.

100.7 The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been carried.

100.8 **RESOLVED:** That the following Notice of Motion was agreed.

Council notes that this year the UK is hosting COP26, a key forum focusing on climate change and actions that will affect the wellbeing of future generations.

Council also notes the progress of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill, following the adoption of a similar Bill in Wales, that confers a statutory duty on councils in Wales to consider how decisions will impact upon wellbeing now and into the future.

Council therefore resolves to:

- express its support for a Wellbeing For Future Generations Act and associated impact locally, that would require public bodies to consider how decisions made now affect future needs, and tackle persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change;
- further to the government's 10 point Environment Plan, to ask the Chief Executive to write to government to request that local councils are given the funding and powers needed to take action on the wellbeing of future generations, by implementing climate and ecological emergency action by 2030, further to the meeting of COP 26 in the UK this year.

And further, calls on Policy & Resources Committee to address the wellbeing of future generations in our city, through:

- Agreeing to commission a report to review options for how council can ensure, through cross-party and city-wide collaboration, that the impact of decisions on future generations are adequately understood, risk assessed and analysed;
- that as part of this work, councillors agree to review, through the annual KPI report and other processes, a yearly appraisal of long-term economic, social, environmental and cultural trends, and to use these

trends to publish additional 'future generations' impact assessments' in council reports for decision.