

Brighton & Hove City Council

Policy & Resources Committee

Agenda Item 90(d)

**Subject: Green Group Amendment to 'Restore Council Services'
Conservative Group NoM**

Date of meeting: 27 January 2022

Proposer: Councillor Clare

Seconder: Councillor Druitt

Wards affected: All

That the motion be amended as shown in ***bold italics***.

This Council:

1. Notes concerns that have been raised by residents at the ongoing drop in service quality throughout the pandemic across various services areas, such as Housing and Parking;

2. Notes that the pandemic continues to present challenges not just to council services, but to services in all sectors across the city. Recognises that the emergence of new variants shows that the council must continue to work both in emergency mode and recovery mode and this means that there may regrettably continue to be delays to services.

3. Recognises the extreme cuts to the council's budget over the last 12 years mean that even prior to the pandemic the council was struggling and councils across the country have gone bankrupt because of the Government's failure to fund them properly

~~2. 4~~ Further notes that the Council has ***used council communication channels to highlight changes to services where possible and delivered publications direct to residents on where they can gain help.*** ~~failed to communicate a plan to residents detailing when and how services will be restored to their previous standard; and~~

~~3. 5.~~ ***Understands that for such a plan to be drawn up performance and service improvement is presented in as a reports to relevant committees which can be referred to Full Council in February, and communicated to residents thereafter. This includes:***

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5.2. Regular performance reports to Housing Committee

5.3 KPI reports which are reported to this committee.

Motion if carried to read:

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