

Brighton & Hove City Council

Policy & Resources Committee

Agenda Item 90(d)

Date of meeting 27 January 2022

COMPOSITE GREEN & LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

Restore Council Services

That changes are made as shown below in ***bold italics*** and strikethrough.

This Council:

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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***
4. Further notes that ***while the council has used communication channels to highlight changes to services where possible, and delivered publications direct to residents on where they can gain help, the Council has yet failed to communicate a plan to residents detailing what lessons have been learned from the pandemic in terms of service delivery, when and how services will be redesigned in light of these*** ~~restored to their previous standard;~~ and
5. Calls for such a plan ***detailed in 2*** to be drawn up, presented as a report to ***the Recovery Sub-Committee of the Policy & Resources Committee*** ~~Full Council~~ in ~~February~~ ***April***, and communicated to residents thereafter.

Proposed by: Cllr Clare/Evans

Seconded by: Cllr Clare/Evans

Motion if agreed to read:

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