

# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Environment Transport & Sustainability Committee

## Agenda Item 7(d)(3)

**Subject:** Litter on A27  
Notice of Motion referred from Council on the 7 April 2022

**Date of meeting:** 21 June 2022

**Ward(s) 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 7 April 2022.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

2.1 That the Committee note and undertake the actions agreed in the Notice of Motion.

### **CONTEXT / BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

3.1 The following resolution from the full council meeting held on the 7 April 2022 for the committee to consider is detailed below:

This Council:

1. Recognises the efforts of community campaigners and Councillors who have drawn attention to the continued presence of copious amounts of litter along the sides of the A27 within the boundaries of the city;
2. Notes:
  - the difficulties that the Council has experienced in paying for and planning short-term road-closures to facilitate clear-ups on the A27;
  - the responsibility for clearing litter from some all-purpose trunk roads has been transferred to Highways England in some areas of England; and
  - that the burden and cost of keeping the highway and adjacent verges clear of litter on the strategic road network falls unfairly on some local authorities including Brighton and Hove City Council.
3. Requests Officers to:
  - liaise with Highways England to identify ways to mitigate and manage the clear up problem;

- bring a report to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee setting out proposals for a long-term strategy to fund and execute clean-up operations: and
  - create a timetable for clearing litter that both Highways and the council agree to.
4. This council asks the Chief Executive of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Transport, requesting they use their powers under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to transfer responsibility for cleaning the A27 from Brighton and Hove City Council to Highways England.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

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**6.30pm 7 APRIL 2022**

**HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Robins (Chair), Allcock, Appich, Atkinson, Bagaeen, Barnett, Brown, Clare, Davis, Druitt, Evans, Fishleigh, Gibson, Heley, Henry, Hugh-Jones, Janio, Lewry, Lloyd, Meadows, Mac Cafferty, McNair, Moonan, Nemeth, O'Quinn, Osborne, Peltzer Dunn, Powell, Shanks, Simson, C Theobald, Wilkinson and Williams

**PART ONE**

**103 MAKE YOUR MARK**

103.1 The Notice of Motion as listed in Addendum 1 was proposed by Councillor McNair and formally seconded by Councillor Theobald.

103.2 Councillor Wilkinson moved an amendment on behalf of the Labour Group which was formally seconded by Councillor Appich.

103.3 The Mayor put the amendment to the vote which was agreed. It was noted that the Conservative Group and Councillor Janio voted against the amendment

103.4 The Mayor then put the following motion as amended to the vote:

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103.5 The Mayor confirmed that the Notice of Motion as amended had been carried. It was noted that the Conservative Group abstained and Councillor Janio voted against.