

Council

Date of meeting 15 December 2022

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

CLIMATE EMERGENCY FOUR YEARS ON

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in strikethrough and ***bold italics***:

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5. The work of the Brighton Chamber to encouraging business to become net zero champions ***and the work of the council in collaboration with partners in the Greater Brighton region, such as through the Greater Brighton Economic Board, in tackling the climate crisis*** [3]

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7. The Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for environment, food and rural affairs asking them to provide further funding to councils, businesses and third sector organisations to tackle the climate and biodiversity emergency, calling upon the government to publish a full set of environmental performance indicators ***and to grant local authorities more powers to intervene in the public transport sector and force private operators to bring down bus and rail fares in order to make public transport more***

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- 8. Council reaffirms its commitment to delivering the full suite of measures recommended by the city's first ever climate assembly, including the introduction of a park and ride scheme.**

Proposed by: Cllr Wilkinson

Seconded by: Cllr Appich

Motion to read if carried:

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