

# Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 27

Date of meeting: 20 July 2023

## BRIGHTON & HOVE INDEPENDENTS GROUP AMENDMENT

### Restoring Madeira Terrace

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

This Council:

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2. Acknowledges that postponing the work will lead to increased costs and put the restoration in jeopardy.
3. Apologises to residents and campaign groups for the delay.
4. Indicates its desire to commence work in Spring 2024, and to renovate all 151 arches.
5. **Notes that the Madeira Terrace Advisory Group was not consulted on the recent decision to delay the restoration.**
6. **Notes that a recent poll conducted by The Argus saw 64% of respondents preferring Madeira Terrace to be restored rather than Valley Gardens 3 proceed.**
7. **Notes the previous requests from residents for restoration of the existing Madeira Terrace lift and a bus route along Madeira Drive.**

Therefore, Council resolves to:

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9. Requests an Officer report setting out where the funding is held, how it is held, what interest it is gaining, and how secure it is.
10. **Request the Strategy, Finance and City Regeneration Committee agrees to:**
  - (i) **allocates a budget for a professional (external) fundraising consultant to identify and apply for grants and explore opportunities for investment from high net worth individuals and sponsorship opportunities.**

- (ii) Start an objective cross-party discussion about whether a commercially-led solution (akin to the arches by the i360) would be more successful in securing future grants, donations from HNWs and sponsorship.**
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- (v) Re-allocate the c£2 million of BHCC money (not the loan or grant) set aside for Valley Gardens 3 to restore the existing lift.**
- (vi) Speak with the bus companies to secure a diversion of a bus route along Madeira Drive.**
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Proposed by: Cllr Fishleigh

Seconded by: Cllr Earthey

**Recommendations to read if carried:**

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