

Environment, Transport & Sustainability CMM Agenda Item 54(ii)

Mr John Barradell – Chief Executive
Brighton & Hove City Council

16th November 2011

Dear John,

Work of the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA)

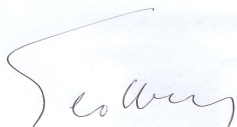
I would be grateful if you could include this letter on the agenda of the 29th November Environment, Transport and Sustainability Cabinet Member meeting under Council Procedure Rule 23.3.

As you are no doubt aware, the SDNPA has been in existence now for 6 months, following a full shadow year. This Council unanimously supported its formation and residents and businesses were rightly very enthusiastic about its potential, both in terms of the new opportunities for tourism it brings to the city and also the new protections it affords to areas of great natural beauty and nature conservation importance.

I was, therefore, very pleased to receive a commitment from the Leader of the Council at the last Full Council meeting on 20th October about keeping members informed of the work of the SDNPA. Therefore, as a result of this commitment, I am writing to propose that you bring an initial update report to this Cabinet Member Meeting. Furthermore, given the importance of the work carried out by the SDNPA and the fact that upwards of 40% of Brighton & Hove City Council's administrative area falls within the Park, I would suggest that this becomes a regular 6 monthly report which is also referred to Full Council for information.

As the Council's sole representative on the SDNPA, I hope that Cllr. West agrees that it is vitally important to keep the residents of this city and the Council members who represent them, fully informed of what specific actions are being taken by the SDNPA on their behalf and to give them confidence that it will achieve all that it was set up to do.

With all good wishes



Cllr. Geoffrey Theobald OBE
Leader of the Official Opposition and Conservative Group

