

Council

26 March 2015

Agenda Item 74

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Response to the Seafront Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel Report - Extract from the Proceedings of the Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on the 22nd January 2015

Date of Meeting: 26 March 2015

Report of: Monitoring Officer

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE***Action Required of the Council:***

To note the report of the Scrutiny Panel and the responses of the Policy & Resources Committee to the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations as detailed in the extracts and reports:

Recommendation:

That the information be noted:

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**4.00 pm 22 January 2015****COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL****MINUTES**

Present: Councillors J Kitcat (Chair), Sykes (Deputy Chair), G Theobald (Opposition Spokesperson), Morgan (Group Spokesperson), Hamilton, Lepper, A Norman, Peltzer Dunn, Randall and Shanks.

PART ONE**127 RESPONSE TO THE SEAFRONT INFRASTRUCTURE SCRUTINY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 127.1 The Committee considered a joint report of the Executive Director for Environment, Development & Housing and the Assistant Chief Executive. The Seafront Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel report had been endorsed by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 20 October 2014 and the report formed the first formal response to the Panel recommendations.
- 127.2 The Chair noted that the key theme of the report was that the works would need to be self-sustaining.
- 127.3 Councillor Morgan noted that the seafront was the main asset for the city as it served economic, transportation and recreational purposes, and this work would need to be a priority for any future administration. He hoped that once works had been progressed the seafront would not be allowed to fall into this level of disrepair in future.
- 127.4 Councillor Peltzer Dunn highlighted that the investment needed to go into the whole seafront; not just focusing on the areas with the greatest draw for tourism.
- 127.5 The Chair thanked the Panel and its Chair, Councillor Mitchell, whom was present at the meeting.
- 127.6 The Chair then put the recommendations to the vote.
- 127.7 **RESOLVED:**
- (1) That the Committee notes the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel and agrees the responses to each of the individual recommendations as provided in appendix 1;
 - (2) That the Committee agrees a further report is considered by the Policy & Resources Committee in March 2015 as recommended by the Scrutiny Panel to outline how a seafront investment programme will be managed; and
 - (3) That Committee agrees a further report is considered by the Policy & Resources Committee in September 2015 as recommended by the Scrutiny Panel, to outline the key challenges faced by a seafront investment programme and identify potential solutions and resources to meet the challenges.