

**NOTICE OF MOTION****BEING PREPARED FOR FLOODS**

This Council notes:

- The latest UK Climate Change Risk Assessment estimates that changes in rainfall patterns caused by climate change may result in more flooding nationally, with the number of properties with a significant likelihood of flooding projected to increase from 560,000 in 2012 to 1.3 million by the 2050s.
- Brighton & Hove is in the top ten Flood Risk Areas in England with more than 30,000 people at risk of flooding and is experiencing more frequent flood events
- Cuts in funding for flood risk management by national government over the past five years have exacerbated damage caused by floods in 2012, 2013/4, 2015, which cost the economy an estimated total £7.5bn as well as causing dislocation and severe distress for people affected.
- Residential and commercial development plans over the next few years in our city provide potential opportunities but also potential threats in terms of surface water flooding.

This Council resolves to:

- Request the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer requesting increases in planned Flood Defence Grant in Aid capital funding and in flood risk management revenue funding, in line with analysis by the Environment Agency, National Audit Office and the Association of British Insurers' Flood Free Homes Campaign;
- Request the Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee to review land use of the city's downland estate from the perspective of reducing flood risk in the city.

