Council	Agenda Item 23 (c)
21 July 2016	Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

RAIL CRISIS

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

To insert additional text including additional recommendations as shown in bold italics:

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Proposed by: Councillor Greenbaum Seconded by: Councillor Phillips

Revised Notice of Motion if agreed

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