

**NOTICE OF MOTION****GREEN GROUP OF COUNCILLORS****COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE AND ETHICAL PROCUREMENT**

“This Council notes previous work undertaken under Administrations of all colours in developing local policy on environmental and social sustainability, and calls on the Council to update and deepen its Sustainability Policy (last updated December 2014) by resolving to:

Request that the Procurement Advisory Board (PAB) explore the adoption of a new international guidance framework for Sustainable Procurement (ISO 20400 quality standard) as a best practice benchmark for our Council, thereby providing leadership in this area and demonstrating the high standard we expect in quality, sustainability and ethical procurement from our suppliers, and that PAB provide a report on this work to the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee.”

Proposed by: Councillor Greenbaum

Seconded by: Councillor Sykes

Supported by: The Green Group of Councillors

**Supporting Information**

Procurement in the public sector accounts for 12% of GDP and BHCC spends more than £220m annually with third party suppliers. We must be confident that our suppliers have ethical and sustainable practices covering areas such as working conditions, risk management and environmental protection and that cost is not being prioritised over these criteria. Our measurement of this must be robust. The Council’s current sustainability policy was last updated in 2014 and contains no reference to procurement.

The ISO 20400 standard supports the Council’s commitment to sustainability by providing clear guidance on how it can be measured and implemented during procurement.

<https://www.iso.org/news/Ref2178.html>

The quality standard will support the Council by providing good practice guidance on how to make sustainable and ethical purchasing and procurement decisions. It has potential to establish Brighton and Hove as a beacon of best practice, securing the best procurement deals to meet the needs of citizens, society and planet as well as budgetary needs.

Adhering to an international standard in sustainable procurement will send a clear message to suppliers and residents about the high standard we expect.

