

**DEPUTATIONS REFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 1 FEBRUARY 2018**

Deputations received:

**(i) Deputation: Night Buses, Brighton and Hove**

As of Sunday 14th January 2018, Brighton and Hove Bus Company reduced the provision of night buses in Brighton and Hove. Under the Bus Services Act, 2017 – *a need for enhanced partnerships and the provision of routes that look at demand rather than profit*, we ask the council to review the impact of this on the city, to raise it with the B&H Bus Co. and to impress upon them the view that this much needed service needs to be maintained and why. I speak on behalf of my supporters and the community who feel strongly about this as evidenced by the 10,000 plus petition currently circulating and still growing which is due to be presented to the Bus Co.

We believe there are a number of cross-cutting issues and therefore ask that these are considered by the relevant committees:

Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee to review:

- How key workers and shift workers will get home safely, affordably and in an environmentally-friendly way;
- How much longer taxi queues will impact on anti-social behaviour and therefore people's safety;
- The environmental impact due to increased taxi use;
- The safety of increased Uber use, which, as the Department of London Transport stated, is not a 'fit and proper' private car hire operator;
- The potential increase in unlicensed taxis and the increased risk of drink-driving.

Tourism, Development & Culture Committee to review:

- The negative impact on B&H's diverse nightlife; the effect on hospitality businesses' revenues and jobs;
- How our 11 million visitors (Festivals, Political Conference visitors and tourists) will be able to get home from events;
- How B&H will continue to attract much needed key workers/shift workers for the City's development without an appropriate 24-hour transport system; the impact on Brighton's student community.

Neighbourhoods, Inclusion Committees & Equalities Committee to review:

- How everybody (including women, the disabled, the young, the poor) will have equal access to B&H's City life and access to safe, affordable transport home;
- The impact on the disabled getting taxis with disabled facilities when taxis become oversubscribed.

We ask the council to liaise with their contacts in Sussex Police and the Business

Crime Reduction Partnership about the potential negative impact on their roles concerning safety in the city if people are unable to travel home safely. We request that B&H City council and its partners upholds its responsibility to review, to liaise with B&H Bus Co. about, and to mitigate for the now inadequate night bus service in our 24-hour city. We believe this responsibility is in line with BHCC's Corporate Plan 2015-2019 and The Connected City; BHCC's service priorities: Economy, Jobs, Young People, Health & Wellbeing, Community Safety, Environmental Sustainability; and the Bus Services Act, 2017.

With 270,000 plus residents, 11 million visitors, 2 universities and a conference centre, Brighton and Hove needs clean, reliable, easily-accessible, inclusive transport 24 hours a day.

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