



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

COUNCIL ADDENDUM 3 Amendments

4.30PM, THURSDAY, 11 JULY 2024

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

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Agenda Item 23

Subject: Petition for debate: Save the Baby Room at Bright Start Nursery

Date of meeting: 11 July 2024

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Green Group Amendment

That deletions are made as shown with ~~strike through~~ below and additional recommendations are added as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the petition is noted.

2.2 **Requests that the petition be referred to the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.**

Proposed by: Cllr Shanks Seconded by: Cllr Goldsmith

Recommendations to read if carried:

2.1 That the petition is noted.

2.2 Requests that the petition be referred to the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.

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Agenda Item 24

Subject: Petition for debate: Support Private Rent Controls and More Social Housing at Living Rents

Date of meeting: 11 July 2024

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Green Group Amendment

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2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the petition is noted.

2.2 **Requests that the petition be referred to the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.**

Proposed by: Cllr McLeay Seconded by: Cllr Shanks

Recommendations to read if carried:

2.1 That the petition is noted.

2.2 Requests that the petition be referred to the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.

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Agenda Item 25

Subject: Petition for debate: Good Development Standards:
building homes which meet the needs of our communities

Date of meeting: 11 July 2024

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Green Group Amendment

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2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the petition is noted.

2.2 **Requests that the petition be referred to the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.**

Proposed by: Cllr Hill Seconded by: Cllr Sykes

Recommendations to read if carried:

2.1 That the petition is noted.

2.2 Requests that the petition be referred to the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.

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Agenda Item 28

Subject: Tackling Short Term Lets

Date of meeting: 11 July 2024

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Labour Group Amendment

That deletions are made as shown with ~~strikethrough~~ below and additional recommendations are added as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

This council notes:

1. The high cost of rent and low availability of housing in the city, which reflects a market in which power is unfairly weighted towards landlords;
2. The negative impact which the high number of unregulated short-term let properties are having on housing availability for the local community;
3. ~~The previous Government's promise to provide Councils with the planning powers to regulate short-term lets, which did not materialise ahead of the dissolution of Parliament.~~

3)The Cabinet Member for Housing and New Homes has written to the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP, requesting the Government:

- a. Introduce a statutory licencing scheme for all STLs which requires safety standard compliance***
- b. Amend planning regulations to introduce a new class for STLs***
- c. Amend National planning policy to provide devolved powers to local authorities to control the number of permitted licences granted in areas of pressure***

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- 1) Request that a report ***on the saturation of short-term lets within the city and prepare an options paper of policy recommendations for Cabinet which will mitigate their impact on our communities*** ~~from the Cabinet Member for Finance and City Regeneration be brought to an upcoming Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting,~~ ***alongside*** outlining what the Council can do to prepare for planning powers to control short-term lets becoming available so an Article 4 Direction (A4D) can be implemented at the earliest opportunity. Suggested areas the report may cover include:
 - a. identifying suitable area(s) within the city that the A4D should apply to;
 - b. beginning to collate the evidence needed to show why the A4D is necessary for these areas, including the required public consultation;
 - c. outlining how the Council can effectively enforce the A4D, should people not seek the proper permission for short-term lets.

- d. outlining how the Council can work with the tourism industry to promote sustainable visitor accommodation provision, including via the Greater Brighton Economic Board.
- e. exploring avenues that could support the adoption of a registration scheme for short-term rental provision, as is set out in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023.

- ~~2) Request that the Leader of the Council write to the new Secretary of State for Local Government, calling on them to:~~
- ~~a. make these powers available to Councils at the earliest opportunity;~~
 - ~~b. ensure that loopholes already identified, such as the 12-month amnesty period, are closed to make sure the legislation can be truly effective.~~

Proposed by: Cllr Williams

Seconded by: Cllr Mackey

Recommendations to read if carried:

This council notes:

1. The high cost of rent and low availability of housing in the city, which reflects a market in which power is unfairly weighted towards landlords.
2. The negative impact which the high number of unregulated short-term let properties are having on housing availability for the local community.
3. The Cabinet Member for Housing and New Homes has written to the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP, requesting the Government:
 - a. Introduce a statutory licencing scheme for all STLs which requires safety standard compliance
 - b. Amend planning regulations to introduce a new class for STLs
 - c. Amend National planning policy to provide devolved powers to local authorities to control the number of permitted licences granted in areas of pressure

Therefore, Council resolves to:

1. Request a report report on the saturation of short-term lets within the city and prepare an options paper of policy recommendations for Cabinet which will mitigate their impact on our communities alongside outlining what the Council can do to prepare for planning powers so an Article 4 Direction (A4D) can be implemented. Suggested areas the report may cover include: Suggested areas the report may cover include:
 - a. identifying suitable area(s) within the city that the A4D should apply to;
 - b. beginning to collate the evidence needed to show why the A4D is necessary for these areas, including the required public consultation;
 - c. outlining how the Council can effectively enforce the A4D, should people not seek the proper permission for short-term lets.

- d. outlining how the Council can work with the tourism industry to promote sustainable visitor accommodation provision, including via the Greater Brighton Economic Board.
- e. exploring avenues that could support the adoption of a registration scheme for short-term rental provision, as is set out in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023.

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Agenda Item 29

Subject: Weed Removal

Date of meeting: 11 July 2024

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Labour Group Amendment

That deletions are made as shown with ~~striketrough~~ below and additional recommendations are added as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

This Council:

- 1) Acknowledges the ***targeted and limited*** use of glyphosate ***that*** was agreed ***by Council*** in February 2024;
- 2) Notes the high volume of complaints Councillors in ~~north~~ ***many parts of Brighton and Hove*** receive ~~had previously received~~ about lack of weed removal; the danger of not cutting verge sightlines; the hazard of broken pavements; the risk dogs are exposed to by seeds in long grass; ~~the risk to hay fever sufferers;~~ ***reports from residents regarding*** the unsightly state of ***verges in*** the city; ***the need to strike a balance between supporting biodiversity and keeping our neighbourhoods maintained to the satisfaction of residents;***
- 3) ***Notes that in March 2022, the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee agreed to begin a 3-year trial in which the previous 11 verge mows per year would be reduced to 6;***
- 4) Notes that mowing is inadequate ***some mows scheduled for spring 2024 did not take place;*** and that insufficient resources have been allocated to this key election pledge ***available in City Parks following substantial and successive budget cuts to local authorities; that conditions have been such that grass growth is around 20% increased compared to the same period in 2023;***

This council therefore resolves to call for a report to Cabinet which considers options in relation to the following issues:

- 5) Regular ~~The~~ ***The*** grass-cutting ***regime, including*** sightlines ***and*** verges ~~and~~ ~~twittens;~~
- 6) Clear ~~Clearer~~ ***Clearer*** timelines for weed removal so residents know when their streets will be cleared;
- 7) Prioritizing ~~Prioritising~~ ***Prioritising*** residential areas where elderly ***residents*** live who are ***may be*** at risk of tripping over weeds and broken paving slabs;
- 8) ~~The prioritisation of the elderly, the disabled, and hay fever sufferers ahead of an ineffective rewilding policy.~~

Proposed by: Cllr McNair

Seconded by: Cllr Meadows

Recommendations to read if carried:

This Council:

- 1) Acknowledges the targeted and limited use of glyphosate that was agreed by Council in February 2024;
- 2) Notes the high volume of complaints Councillors in many parts of Brighton and Hove had previously received about lack of weed removal; the danger of not cutting verge sightlines; the hazard of broken pavements; the risk dogs are exposed to by seeds in long grass; reports from residents regarding the unsightly state of verges in the city; the need to strike a balance between supporting biodiversity and keeping our neighbourhoods maintained to the satisfaction of residents;
- 3) Notes that in March 2022, the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee agreed to begin a 3-year trial in which the previous 11 verge mows per year would be reduced to 6;
- 4) Notes that some mows scheduled for spring 2024 did not take place; that insufficient resources have been available in City Parks following substantial and successive budget cuts to local authorities; that conditions have been such that grass growth is around 20% increased compared to the same period in 2023;

This council therefore resolves to call for a report to Cabinet which considers options in relation to the following issues:

- 5) The grass-cutting regime, including sightlines and verges;
- 6) Clearer timelines for weed removal so residents know when their streets will be cleared;
- 7) Prioritising residential areas where elderly residents live who ~~are~~ may be at risk of tripping over weeds and broken paving slabs;

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Joint Brighton & Hove Independents Group & Green Group Amendment

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This Council:

- 1) Acknowledges the use of glyphosate was agreed in February 2024;
- 2) Notes the high volume of complaints Councillors in north ***and east*** Brighton receive about lack of weed removal; the danger of not cutting verge sightlines; the hazard of broken pavements; the risk dogs are exposed to by seeds in long grass; the risk to hay fever sufferers; the unsightly state of the city;
- 3) Notes that mowing is inadequate and that insufficient resources have been allocated to this key election pledge;
- 4) Notes residents' ongoing major concerns about the toxic nature of glyphosate-based weed-killer;***
- 5) Acknowledges the need to keep the glyphosate weed management programme under constant monitoring to identify adverse environmental impacts;***

This council therefore resolves to call for a report to Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee which considers options in relation to the following issues:

- 6) Regular grass-cutting and de-weeding of pavements, sightlines, verges and twittens;
- 7) Clear timelines for weed removal so residents know when their streets will be cleared;
- 8) Prioritising residential areas where elderly live who are at risk of tripping over weeds and broken paving slabs;
- 9) The prioritisation of the elderly, the disabled, and hay fever sufferers ahead of an ineffective rewilding policy.

10) Allowing neighbourhoods to opt out of the glyphosate treatment in favour of manual weed removal by residents using tools supplied by the Council;

11) Monitoring the city's aquifers for signs of contamination by glyphosate residues, and stating what the options are should levels of glyphosate in the city's drinking water be at or above the statutory maximum;

12) Ensuring the health and safety of Council operatives and contractors applying glyphosate weed killer by drawing their attention to recommendations to wear masks and protective clothing of the required specifications;

13) Asks officers to consider temporary signage to be placed where glyphosate has been sprayed for residents' information;

14) Determining the real efficacy of the glyphosate treatment programme vis a vis its stated objectives, given that the summer weather to date has not proved conducive to glyphosate treatment under the strict legal terms and conditions of its use.

15) Requests an assessment to consider discontinuing the glyphosate programme once the current annual cycle of spraying has been completed.

Proposed by: Cllr Fishleigh

Seconded by: Cllr Pickett

Recommendations to read if carried:

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