



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# **COUNCIL ADDENDUM 3**

**4.30PM, THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2024**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**



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# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 53

**Subject:** Petition for Debate – Halt the current consultation into school admission boundaries

**Date of meeting:** 19 December 2024

**Proposer:** Councillor McLeay

**Seconder:** Councillor Pickett

**Ward(s) affected:** All

### Green Group Amendment

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That ~~the petition is noted~~ ***a report is brought to a future Cabinet, exploring how the Cabinet can reconfigure the consultation into school admission arrangements.***

**Recommendations to read if carried:**

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## Agenda Item 56

**Subject:** Petition for Debate – Decriminalise Sex Work and Prioritise Safety

**Date of meeting:** 19 December 2024

**Proposer:** Councillor Goldsmith  
**Seconder:** Councillor Hill

**Ward(s) affected:** All

### Green Group Amendment

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That ~~the petition is noted~~ ***a report is brought to a future People Overview & Scrutiny Committee, exploring how the Council can implement the aims of the petition.***

**Recommendations to read if carried:**

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That a report is brought to a future People Overview & Scrutiny Committee, exploring how the Council can implement the aims of the petition.







Audit, Standards & General Purpose:	4 meetings
Licensing:	3 meetings
<u>Sub-Committees:</u>	
Licensing Panels: (per month)	As required (avg. 3)
<u>Scrutiny Committees:</u>	
People Overview & Scrutiny:	<del>4</del> <b>6</b> meetings
Place Overview & Scrutiny:	<del>4</del> <b>6</b> meetings
Health Overview & Scrutiny:	4 meetings
<u>Forums/Other Bodies:</u>	
Corporate Parenting Board:	4 meetings
Limited Liability Partnership Board	Quarterly
<u>Partnerships:</u>	
Greater Brighton Economic Board	Quarterly
Health & Wellbeing Board:	4 meetings

- 4.2 The proposed timetable for 2025/26 provides for a total of 11 Executive meetings, 19 committee meetings, ~~42~~ **16** Scrutiny meetings, 16 partnership and board meetings, excluding the number of licensing panels. (see Appendix 1).

**Recommendations set out in Paragraph 2 and update Paragraph 4.1 of the report to read if carried:**

**Recommendations:**

**2. Recommendations:**

- 2.1 That the proposed timetable of meetings for the 2025/26 municipal year be agreed; subject to any necessary amendments following changes to the Constitution and/or committees'

- 2.2 *The addition of two extra meetings for the Place Overview & Scrutiny and People Overview & Scrutiny committees, bringing the total to six meetings each.***

**4. Analysis and consideration of alternative options:**

- 4.1 The proposed timetable for 2025/26 maintains a similar cycle of meetings to those in 2024/25. In summary, the proposals are: -

Full Council:

5 Ordinary Council meetings,  
plus the Annual Council and Budget Council 7 meetings in total

Executive

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Cabinet:	11 meetings
<u>Regulatory Committees:</u>	
Planning:	12 meetings
Audit, Standards & General Purpose:	4 meetings
Licensing:	3 meetings
<u>Sub-Committees:</u>	
Licensing Panels: per month)	As required (avg. 3)
<u>Scrutiny Committees:</u>	
People Overview & Scrutiny:	6 meetings
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**Agenda Item 61**

**Subject: Fuel Poverty for Pensioners**

**Date of meeting: 19 December 2024**

**Proposer: Councillor Alexander**

**Seconded: Councillor Mackey**

**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 notes:

- 1) The Government's recent decision to restrict the Winter Fuel Allowance to only those pensioners on means tested benefits.
- 2) ~~The estimated impact of this decision will mean that a possible 4,000 pensioners could die this winter, according to the Governments own research.~~
- 3) Those pensioners who are just about managing on their finances will not be eligible to claim the Winter Fuel Allowance.
- 4) That Age UK, Martin Lewis and Councils up and down the country show concern over this heartless decision.
- 5) ***That in November 2024 the Administration launched the Brighton and Hove Fuel Payment for those people of pensionable age in the city who are struggling to pay their energy bills.***

Therefore, resolves to:

- 1) ~~Encourage the~~ ***note the continued promotion in January and February 2025 via council communication avenues*** to ~~consider whether all of the~~ ***opportunity for*** those pensioners who need support, ~~not just~~ ***beyond*** those already on pension credits or other means tested benefits, ~~can be covered by~~ ***to apply for*** the Brighton & Hove Fuel Payment Support Fund.
- 2) ~~Request the Chief Executive of this Council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer urging an immediate review of this decision to protect those pensioners who are not automatically eligible for pension credits or any other means tested benefits.~~
- 3) ***Review the uptake of the Brighton & Hove Fuel Payment Support Fund in advance of the budget setting process.***
- 4) ***Thank officers who are working hard to help residents' eligibility checks and applications for Pension Credit, as well as provide direct financial help with energy costs and wider advice on keeping warm this winter.***

**Recommendations to read if carried:**

**This council notes:**

1. The Government's recent decision to restrict the Winter Fuel Allowance to only those pensioners on means tested benefits.
2. Those pensioners who are just about managing on their finances will not be eligible to claim the Winter Fuel Allowance.
3. That Age UK, Martin Lewis and Councils up and down the country show concern over this decision.
4. That in November 2024 the Administration launched the Brighton and Hove Fuel Payment for those people of pensionable age in the city who are struggling to pay their energy bills.

**Therefore, resolves to:**

- 1) Note the continued promotion in January and February 2025 via council communication avenues the opportunity for those pensioners who need support, beyond those already on pension credits or other means tested benefits, to apply for the Brighton & Hove Fuel Payment Support Fund.
- 2) Review the uptake of the Brighton & Hove Fuel Payment Support Fund in advance of the budget setting process.
- 3) Thank officers who are working hard to help residents' eligibility checks and applications for Pension Credit, as well as provide direct financial help with energy costs and wider advice on keeping warm this winter.

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**Council**

**Agenda Item 63**

**Subject: Motion for the Ocean**

**Date of meeting: 19 December 2024**

**Proposer: Councillor Sykes**

**Seconder: Councillor Pickett**

**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:

This council notes:

- 1) The climate ***and biodiversity*** emergencies declared in Brighton and Hove in 2018.
- 2) The need for ocean recovery ~~in order to meet our net zero carbon targets and to~~ ***deliver*** encourage biodiversity restoration ***and help meet our decarbonisation targets.***
- 3) ***The impact of human activities such as wastewater pollution on ocean health;***

This council resolves to:

Request officers to bring a report to Cabinet which ***considers*** explores:

- 1) ***Existing relevant B&HCC statutory relationships such with the Defra family; partnerships, programmes and activities that contribute to ocean recovery;***  
~~The actions and projects that will contribute to an ocean recovery in/around Brighton and Hove.~~
- 2) ***Work already underway and what additional ocean-based focus within our strategic decisions, plans, budgets and procurement by B&HCC would help us to align better with our climate change mitigation and adaptation goals requirements, and considering ocean-based solutions in our journey towards a carbon neutral and climate resilient future.***
- 3) ***How our partnerships can better support ocean recovery and work towards a sustainable 'blue economy', ensuring synergy between our Local Plan, our Economic Plan and the South Marine Plan;*** ~~How to ensure that local planning supports ocean recovery, working closely with the Marine Management Organisation to embed strong links between the Local Plan and the Southeast Marine Plan.~~
- 4) How to grow ***public*** ocean literacy ~~and marine citizenship, fostering pride in our seaside city, including:~~

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- ~~a. How to ensure pupils are given the opportunity to experience the ocean first-hand before leaving primary school.~~
  - ~~b. Exploring how the council can work with cultural, business and civic organisations throughout the city to promote marine and coastline cleanups and volunteer opportunities.~~
- 5) ***Request our CEO write to government with two requests (a) Ensuring IFCA's have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our marine protected areas, and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability. (b) Emphasising our concerns about ocean health and the importance of bringing water companies back into public hands to regain control of excessive pollution of coastal waters.***

Recommendations to read if carried:

This council notes:

- 1) The climate and biodiversity emergencies declared in Brighton and Hove in 2018.
- 2) The need for ocean recovery to deliver biodiversity restoration and help meet our decarbonisation targets.
- 3) The impact of human activities such as wastewater pollution on ocean health;

This council resolves to:

Request officers to bring a report to Cabinet which considers:

- 1) Existing relevant B&HCC statutory relationships such with the Defra family; partnerships, programmes and activities that contribute to ocean recovery;
- 2) Work already underway and what additional ocean-based focus within our strategic decisions, plans, budgets and procurement by B&HCC would help us to align better with our climate change mitigation and adaptation goals;
- 3) How our partnerships can better support ocean recovery and work towards a sustainable 'blue economy', ensuring synergy between our Local Plan, our Economic Plan and the South Marine Plan;
- 4) How to grow public ocean literacy, fostering pride in our seaside city;
- 5) Request our CEO write to government with two requests (a) Ensuring IFCA's have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our marine protected areas, and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability. (b) Emphasising our concerns about ocean health and the importance of bringing water companies back into public hands to regain control of excessive pollution of coastal waters.



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**Council**

**Agenda Item 64**

**Subject: Fraud Error and Debt Bill: Discriminatory impact**

**Date of meeting: 19 December 2024**

**Proposer: Councillor Taylor**  
**Seconded: Councillor Miller**

**Ward(s) affected: All**

## **Notice of Motion**

### **Labour Group Amendment**

#### **This council notes:**

1) ~~New powers planned under the~~ ***The future publication of a*** Fraud Error and Debt Bill aimed at reducing benefit fraud ~~may result in 'suspicionless' general extraction of data from bank accounts.~~

2) ***The estimated loss of £10 billion a year through fraud and error – money which could go to those who need it most.*** ~~Use of sweeping automated surveillance techniques risks unintended discrimination, as has been admitted by the DWP itself.~~

3) ***Concerns that have been raised about privacy and surveillance and urges the government to ensure the proportionality and safeguards that they have already indicated will be in the Bill.*** ~~That the measures introduced in this bill represent an unprecedented invasion of privacy and assumption of guilt on those claiming benefits, unfairly targeting them, creating unnecessary additional stress, and eroding trust in government.~~

4) ***That the*** Council ~~is likely to~~ ***might*** have a role both in enforcing and implementing new powers and in ensuring the right support continues to be provided to those in need.

#### **Therefore, resolves to:**

1) Request that a report is brought to a future Cabinet meeting once the bill is published which:

- a. sets out the potential impact of these new powers on B&HCC, including the impact on benefit claimants and of new administrative burdens responsibilities;
- b. explores how the Council can push back on the surveillance measures and clarify which ones we would be legally required to use ***the legal duties that would fall on the Council in enforcing any measures in the bill.***

2) Request that the CEO of the Council writes to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, expressing Council's concerns about this Bill and requesting the proposals are significantly rolled back to respect the privacy and dignity of those

on benefits.

**Recommendations to read if carried:**

**This council notes:**

- 1) The future publication of a Fraud Error and Debt Bill aimed at reducing benefit fraud.
- 2) The estimated loss of £10 billion a year through fraud and error – money which could go to those who need it most.
- 3) The concerns that have been raised about privacy and surveillance and urges the government to ensure the proportionality and safeguards that they have already indicated will be in the Bill.
- 4) That the Council may have a role both in enforcing and implementing new powers and in ensuring the right support continues to be provided to those in need.

**Therefore, resolves to:**

- 1) Request that a report is brought to a future Cabinet meeting once the bill is published which:
  - a. sets out the potential impact of these new powers on B&HCC, including the impact on benefit claimants and of new administrative responsibilities;
  - b. *explores the legal duties that would fall on the Council in enforcing any measures in the bill.*

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## Agenda Item 65

**Subject:** Keep the £2 Bus Fare Cap

**Date of meeting:** 19 December 2024

**Proposer:** Councillor Muten

**Seconder:** Councillor Nann

### Notice of Motion

### Labour Group Amendment

#### This council notes:

- 1) The significant benefit that the £2 bus fare cap has provided to residents, making public transport more accessible and affordable for many, especially those on lower incomes;
- 2) Accessible and affordable public transport is vital to achieving the city's carbon neutrality goals by 2030 and encouraging sustainable travel behaviours;
- 3) The ~~removal of the cap~~ **local bus operators choosing to increase fares above £2** is likely to disproportionately impact residents from poorer backgrounds, exacerbating social inequalities;
- 4) That the ~~removal of~~ **local bus operators choosing profit over a** the £2 bus cap is likely to reduce the total of number of people travelling by bus, ~~having an impact on the income of local bus companies;~~
- 5) ~~Ultimately the responsibility of funding the £2~~ The principle of a bus cap in the long-term should lie with **has been continued by** the national government.

#### Therefore, resolves to:

- ~~1) Request that a report is brought to a future Cabinet meeting which:~~
  - ~~a. outlines the estimated cost of maintaining the £2 bus fare cap locally;~~
  - ~~b. explores potential funding streams which could be utilised to support the subsidy, including the Carbon Neutral Fund and the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP).~~
- 2) Request that **Commend** the Cabinet Member for Transport, **Parking and Public Realm for having proactively meet met** with local bus companies to discuss how we could work together to keep the £2 bus fare cap, at the lowest possible cost to the Council;
- 3) ~~Request that the Leader of the Council writes to the government, expressing our disappointment at the removal of the £2 bus fare cap, and asking them to reverse their decision.~~
- 4) **Give encouragement to the Leader of the Council to engage in devolution discussions with the government which could gift new powers for our region to take buses back under public control as Mayor Andy Burnham and Mayor Steve Rotherham have successfully done.**

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## **Recommendations to read if carried:**

### **This council notes:**

- 1) The significant benefit that the £2 bus fare cap has provided to residents, making public transport more accessible and affordable for many, especially those on lower incomes;
- 2) Accessible and affordable public transport is vital to achieving the city's carbon neutrality goals by 2030 and encouraging sustainable travel behaviours;
- 3) The local bus operators choosing to increase fares above £2 is likely to disproportionately impact residents from poorer backgrounds, exacerbating social inequalities;
- 4) That the local bus operators choosing profit over a the £2 bus cap is likely to reduce the total of number of people travelling by bus.
- 5) The principle cap in the long-term has been continued by the national government.

### **Therefore, resolves to:**

- 1) Commend the Cabinet Member for Transport, Parking and Public Realm for having proactively met with local bus companies to discuss how we could work together to keep the bus fare cap, at the lowest possible cost to the Council;
- 2) Give encouragement to the Leader of the Council to engage in devolution discussions with the government which could gift new powers for our region to take buses back under public control as Mayor Andy Burnham and Mayor Steve Rotherham have successfully done.