

# **COUNCIL ADDENDUM 2**

**4.30PM, THURSDAY, 22 MAY 2025**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**



## **ADDENDUM**

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# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 12

**Subject:** Review of Political Balance 2025/26

**Date of meeting:** 22 May 2025

**Report of:** Chief Executive

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

### For general release

Note: Urgency

By reason of the special circumstances below, and in accordance with section 100B(4)(b) of the 1972 Act, the Chair of the meeting has been consulted and is of the opinion that this item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Note: Reasons for urgency

The special circumstances for non-compliance with Council Procedure Rule 3, Access to Information Procedure Rule 5 and Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), (items not considered unless the agenda is open to inspection at least five days in advance of the meeting) were that ongoing discussions with the Groups were not concluded in time for the report to be included in the agenda.

### 1. Purpose of the report and policy context

- 1.1 The Council is required at, or as soon as practicable after, each Annual Meeting of the Council to review the allocation of seats to political groups.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to appoint and/or re-appoint the Committees, Sub-Committees, Joint Committees, Boards, Forums and Panels of the Council and membership thereof and to appoint council representatives to various outside bodies for the 2025/26 municipal year.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Council appoints its committees with the sizes and allocation of seats between political groups as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
- 2.2 That having received nominations to the committees from the 4 political groups, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, such nominations be agreed, and the committee places filled accordingly.

- 2.3 That those Members listed as Chair, Deputy Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the respective committees and sub-committees in Appendix 2 be appointed to those positions.
- 2.4 That an Urgency Sub-Committee for each Committee be appointed, by that Committee, in accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 5, such Urgency Sub-Committees being politically balanced but not to be included in the total number of seats for the purpose of allocating seats.
- 2.5 That it is agreed that for the purpose of enabling Licensing Panels to be convened without disproportionate difficulty, the make-up of such Panels need not be politically proportionate.
- 2.6 The Council agrees that although the Licensing Panel has the Members referred to in Appendix 2 as the standing Members, where any of the 3 Members are not available any Member of the Licensing Committee who has received the appropriate training shall be eligible to sit on the Licensing Panel.
- 2.7 That the Head of Democratic Services be authorized to set up the Panel(s), as and when needed with the permanent Members or, where any of them is not available, by including any other eligible Member of the Council or Committee as appropriate, having regard to the need, where possible, to secure cross party representation.
- 2.8 That Council notes the arrangements set out at recommendations 2.5-2.7 relating to Licensing Panels are intended to operate as “alternative arrangements” pursuant to section 17 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 and Regulation 20 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
- 2.9 That Council appoints/reappoints Members/representatives to various bodies as listed in Appendix 3 of the report.
- 2.10 That the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer be authorised to take all steps necessary or incidental to the implementation of the recommendations in this report and that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend and republish the Council’s constitutional documents to incorporate the changes.

### **3. Context and background information**

- 3.1 The political composition of the Council is Labour (36 Members), Green (8 Members), Conservative (5 Members), Brighton & Hove Independents (2 Members) and 3 Independent Members. Section 15(1) of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to review the representation of the different political groups on committees and sub-committees:

- At, or as soon as practicable after, the Annual Meeting of the Council or,

- Where notice is received of a change in the composition of political groups.
- 3.2 The Chief Executive is under a duty, whenever such a review takes place, to submit a report to the Council showing what allocation of seats would in their opinion best meet the requirements of Section 15 of the 1989 Act.
- 3.3 The Council's duty to determine the allocation of seats is prescribed by Section 15 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 (specifically sub section (3) to (5)). The legislation does not impose any specific requirement on the Council to consult the political groups as to which committee seats should be allocated to which group – this only applies to the actual appointment of Members to particular seats once they are allocated to political groups.
- 3.4 It is clearly preferable if all Groups have an agreed position as to which committee allocations are to be adjusted, provided that the agreed position does not conflict with the Council's duty, which is "to make only such determinations as give effect, so far as reasonably practicable, to the principles specified in sub-section (5)."
- 3.4.1 In summary, these principles of determination ("principles"), are that:
- a) All seats are not allocated to the same Group,
  - b) The majority of the seats go to the Group (if any) which has an overall majority on the Council (i.e. more than 27 seats),
  - c) Subject to the above two principles that the number of seats on the total of all the committees/sub-committees allocated to each Group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the Full Council, and
  - d) Subject to (a) and (c), that the number of seats on each committee/sub-committee allocated to each Group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the Full Council.

### **Overall Political Group split on the Council**

- 3.5 The political groups have the following seats on the Council and there are 63 seats across all committees to be allocated:

<b>Party</b>	<b>Seats on the Council</b>	<b>Initial Allocation (rounded)</b>	<b>Initial Allocation</b>
Labour	36	42.00 (42)	<b>42</b>
Green	8	9.33 (9)	<b>9</b>
Conservative	5	5.83 (6)	<b>6</b>
Brighton & Hove Independents	2	2.33 (2)	<b>2</b>
Independent	1	1.16 (1)	<b>1</b>
Independent	1	1.16 (1)	<b>1</b>
Independent	1	1.16 (1)	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>		<b>62</b>

## **Committee Sizes and Review of Committees**

- 3.6 The total number of Committee places (excluding sub-committees) used for the determination of the allocation of seats to the political groups is 63 as detailed in Appendix 1. (Note that the Political Balance Regulations do not apply to the Cabinet, Licensing Committee (2003 Act) or the Health and Wellbeing Board).
- 3.7 The proposed allocation of places on each of the committees as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report takes into account the principles referred to in paragraph 3.4.1 in that:
- a) The Labour Group's overall allocation equals 43 seats,
  - b) The Green Group's overall allocation equals 9 seats,
  - c) The Conservative Group's overall allocation equals 6 seats,
  - d) The Brighton & Hove Independents equals 2 seats and
  - e) That in having regard to the convention that the Council has abided to whenever there has been an Independent Member, one seat is offered to each of the 3 Independent Members.
- 3.8 The allocations in 3.7 above will leave the Labour Group with 1 seat above their initial allocation and the Green Group, Conservative Groups and Brighton & Hove Independent Group with allocations in accordance with their initial calculations. The spare seat is allocated to the Party with the largest number of members, in accordance with common practice and the overriding principles of the legislation to achieve proportionality 'as far as reasonably practicable.' The outcome incorporates the Council's decision to offer 1 seat to each of the 3 Independent Members and ensures that all committees have a full membership.

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

- 4.1 The proposed committee allocations have been raised with the respective Group Leaders and are in keeping with the Regulations governing the political balance of committees.

## **5. Community engagement and consultation**

- 5.1 The Leaders of the four political groups have been consulted on the proposed allocations and notification of nominations for committee membership will be provided after the respective Annual Group Meetings. Details of these nominations will be listed in appendices 2 and 3

## **6. Financial implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

Name of finance officer consulted: Ishemupenyu Chagonda Date consulted 12/05/2025



## **7. Legal implications**

- 7.1 The proposals in this report comply with Section 15(1) of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989, which sets out the duty and principles regarding the allocation of seats to political groups.

Name of lawyer consulted: Elizabeth Culbert    Date consulted 12/05/25

## **8. Risk implications**

- 8.1 The risk implications of not supporting the requested decisions would be a breach of statutory duty to comply with the requirements of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 as set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report and could expose the council to legal challenges or intervention the Secretary of State.
- 8.2 Decisions made by committees/sub committees could be challenged if those meetings are deemed to be unlawfully constituted.
- 8.3 Lack of political balance may lead to accusations of bias, undermining trust in the decision-making processes of the Council.
- 8.4 To address risks of non-compliance with the requirements of the Act consultations on the proposed allocations of seats were held in advance with all four political group leaders represented on the council.

## **9. Equalities implications**

- 9.1 The Regulations provide for the distribution of seats amongst the political groups on an equitable basis.

## **10. Sustainability implications**

- 10.1 There are no sustainability issues arising from the report.

## **11. Conclusion**

- 11.1 Having taken into consideration the number of committees and seats available for the distribution of places between the four Groups represented on the Council, the allocations proposed are considered to be the most compatible with the requirement of the Regulations.

## **Supporting Documentation**

### **1. Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Committee seat allocations

Appendix 2 - Chairs, Deputy Chairs, Opposition Spokespersons and Committee membership nominations;

Appendix 3 - Appointments to Council, Outside Bodies and Partnerships



# ALLOCATIONS OF COMMITTEES

Appendix 1

<b>Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Joint Committees</b>	<b>No. Seats</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Independents</b>	<b>Independent</b>
<b>Audit, Standards &amp; General Purposes</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Licensing*</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Planning</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>People – Scrutiny</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>Place – Scrutiny</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Other Bodies</b> Not included in the equation for the allocation of seats:	<b>No. Seats</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>B&amp;H Independent</b>	<b>Independent</b>
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>				
<b>Corporate Parenting Board</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>			
<b>Licensing Panels</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>			

<b>Joint Committees</b>						
<b>Greater Brighton Economic Board</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>				
<b>Sussex Health Care Assembly</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>				

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES & SUB-COMMITTEES 2025/2026

REGULATORY COMMITTEES:

AUDIT, STANDARDS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (8) (plus 3 Independent Co-optees)

Labour Group (5 Members)	Green Group	Conservative Group	Brighton & Hove Independents	Independent Member	Independent Persons
Cllr Liz Loughran Deputy Chair (Spokes) Cllr Lucy Helliwell Cllr Josh Guilmant Cllr Faiza Baghoth Cllr John Hewitt	<b>Cllr Pete West (Chair)</b>	Cllr Anne Meadows		Cllr Peter Atkinson	David Bradly David Gill Barbara Beardwell

**SUB-COMMITTEES:****LICENSING & LICENSING (2003) COMMITTEES (15)**

*Licensing Panels – (These are a Sub-Committee and membership is taken from the Committee Members)*

<b>Labour Group (10 Members)</b>	<b>Green Group (3 Members)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (1 Member)</b>	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Independents</b>	<b>Independent Member (1)</b>
<b>Cllr David McGregor (Chair)</b> Cllr Julie Cattell (Deputy Chair) Cllr Paul Nann Cllr Alison Thomson Cllr John Hewitt Cllr Lucy Helliwell Cllr Ty Galvin Cllr Andrei Czolak Cllr Tobias Sheard Cllr Sam Parrott	Cllr Steve Davis Cllr Kerry Pickett Cllr Ollie Sykes	Cllr Ivan Lyons		Cllr Samer Bagaeen

**PLANNING COMMITTEE (10)**

*Substitutes taken from a pool of trained Members*

<b>Labour Group (7 Members)</b>	<b>Green Group (1 Member)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (1 Member)</b>	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Independents (1 Member)</b>	<b>Independent Member</b>
<b>Cllr Alison Thomson (Chair)</b> Cllr Tobias Sheard Cllr Maureen Winder Cllr Julie Cattell Cllr Paul Nann Cllr Joy Robinson Cllr Sam Parrott	Cllr Sue Shanks	Cllr Carol Theobald	Cllr Mark Earthey	

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

### HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10)

Labour Group (7 Members)	Green Group (1 Member)	Conservative Group (1 Member)	Brighton & Hove Independents	Independent Member (1 Member)	Other Members/Co- Optees
<b>Cllr Gary Wilkinson (Chair)</b> Cllr Amanda Evans (Deputy Chair) Cllr Jackie O'Quinn Cllr Jacqui Simon Cllr Sam Parrott Cllr Julie Cattell Cllr Theresa Mackey	Cllr Raphael Hill	Cllr Emma Hogan		Cllr Bruno De Oliveira	Geoffrey Bowden - Healthwatch Nora Mzaoui, - Community & Voluntary Sector Mo Marsh - Older People's Council VACANT - Youth Council



## PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10)

Labour Group (7 Members)	Green Group (2 Members)	Conservative Group (1 Member)	Brighton & Hove Independents	Independent Member	Other Members/Co- Optees
<b>Cllr Jackie O'Quinn (Chair)</b> Cllr Milla Gauge (Deputy Chair) Cllr Julie Cattell Cllr Theresa Mackey Cllr Faiza Baghoth Cllr Sam Parrott Cllr Tobias Sheard	Cllr Sue Shanks Cllr Ellen Mcleay	Cllr Ivan Lyons			Sara Fulford - Older People's Council  Joanna Martindale - Community & Voluntary Sector  Adam Muirhead - Community & Voluntary Sector  Lesly Hurst - Church statutory co-optee  Maria Cowler - Church statutory co-optee  Becky Reynolds - Parent Carers Council  Anusree Biswas Sasidharan - Black & Racially Minoritised community representative  Jasmine Oquosa-Withers - Youth Council  Parent Governors – 2x statutory co-optees (vacant)

## PLACE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10)

Labour Group (7 Members)	Green Group (1 Member)	Conservative Group (1 Member)	Brighton & Hove Independents	Independent Member	Other Members/Co- Optees
<b>Cllr Amanda Evans (Chair)</b> Cllr Julie Cattell Cllr Liz Loughran Cllr Maureen Winder Cllr Theresa Mackey Cllr Ty Goddard Cllr Theresa Fowler	Cllr Kerry Pickett	Cllr Anne Meadows	Cllr Bridget Fishleigh		Mary Davies - Older People's Council Mark Strong - Community & Voluntary Sector Maya McDevitt - Youth Council

**Boards, Joint Committees and Area Panels - not included in the political balance calculations:**

**HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD (3)**

<b>Labour Group (3 Members)</b>	<b>Green Group</b>	<b>Conservative Group</b>	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Independents</b>	<b>Other Members/Co-Optees</b>
<b>Cllr Faiza Baghoth (Chair)</b> Cllr Milla Gauge Cllr Theresa Mackey				Stephen Lightfoot (Integrated Care Board) Tanya Brown-Griffiths (Integrated Care Board) Siobhan Melia (Sussex Community Trust) Dr Jane Padmore (Sussex Partnership Trust) Alan Boyd (Healthwatch Brighton & Hove) Tom Lambert (CVS) Joanna Martindale (CVS) Spt Petra Lazar (Sussex Police) Professor Robin Banerjee (University of Sussex) Mark Matthews (East Sussex Fire & Rescue) Adam Fazarkerley (Primary Care Rep) Debra Humphris (University of Brighton)  <b>Non-voting members:</b> Caroline Vass (Director of Public Health) Steve Hook (Director Adult Social Services) Deb Austin (Director of Children's Services) Jess Gibbons (Chief Executive)

### **CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD (5)**

<b>Labour Group (4 Members)</b>	<b>Green Group (1) (1 Member)</b>	<b>Conservative Group</b>	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Independents</b>	<b>Independent Member</b>
<b>Cllr Julie Cattell (Chair)</b> Cllr Bella Sankey Cllr Emma Daniel Cllr Andrei Czolak	Cllr Kerry Pickett			

### **JOINT BOARDS:**

#### **GREATER BRIGHTON ECONOMIC BOARD (2)**

<b>Labour Group (2 Members)</b>	<b>Green Group</b>	<b>Conservative Group</b>	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Independents</b>	<b>Independent Member</b>
Cllr Sankey Cllr Goddard				

### **JOINT COMMITTEES:**

#### **SUSSEX HEALTH & CARE ASSEMBLY (SHCA) (1)**

A Joint Committee of Brighton & Hove City Council, West Sussex County Council, East Sussex County Council and the NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board with the provisional terms of reference attached at Appendix 4

<b>Labour Group (1 Member)</b>	<b>Green Group</b>	<b>Conservative Group</b>	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Independents</b>	<b>Independent Member</b>
Cllr Faiza Baghoth				

	Area Housing Panels 2025//26	No. of Cllrs	Ward Councillors
1	<b>Central Area Housing Panel</b>		
	Hanover & Elm Grove	3	Cllr Ty Galvin Cllr Tim Rowkins Cllr Maureen Winder
	Kempton	2	Cllr Thérèse Mackey Cllr Gary Wilkinson
	Queen's Park	2	Cllr Tristram Burden Cllr Milla Gauge
	Regency	2	Cllr Chloe Goldsmith Cllr Alison Thomson
	West Hill & North Laine	2	Cllr Ellen McLeay Cllr Sue Shanks
2	<b>East Area Housing Panel</b>		
	Rottingdean & West Saltdean	2	Cllr Mark Earthey Cllr Bridget Fishleigh
	Whitehawk & Marina	2	Cllr David McGregor Cllr Gill Williams
	Woodingdean	2	Cllr Jacob Allen Cllr Jacqui Simon

3	<b>North Area Housing Panel</b>		
	Coldean & Stanmer	2	Cllr Mitchie Alexander Cllr Tobias Sheard
	Hollingdean & Fiveways	3	Cllr Mohammed Asaduzzaman Cllr Bruno De Oliveira Cllr Theresa Fowler
	Moulsecoomb & Bevendean	3	Cllr Amanda Evans Cllr Ty Goddard Cllr Jacob Taylor
	Patcham & Hollingbury	3	Cllr Alistair McNair Cllr Anne Meadows Cllr Carol Theobald
	Preston Park*****	3	Cllr Steve Davis Cllr Liz Loughran Cllr Kerry Pickett
	Round Hill	2	Cllr Raphael Hill Cllr Pete West

4	<b>West Area Housing Panel</b>		
	Brunswick & Adelaide	2	Cllr Andrei Czolak Cllr Ollie Sykes
	Central Hove	2	Cllr Emma Daniel Cllr Joy Robinson
	Goldsmid	3	Cllr Birgit Miller Cllr Trevor Muten Cllr Jackie O'Quinn
	Hangleton & Knoll	3	Cllr Faiza Baghoth Cllr Amanda Grimshaw Cllr John Hewitt
	North Portslade	2	Cllr Peter Atkinson Cllr Lucy Helliwell
	South Portslade	2	Cllr Josh Guilmant Cllr Alan Robins
	Westbourne & Poets Corner	2	Cllr Julie Cattell Cllr Sam Parrott
	Westdene & Hove Park	3	Cllr Samer Bagaeen Cllr Emma Hogan Cllr Ivan Lyons
	Wish	2	Cllr Paul Nann Cllr Bella Sankey





	Name of Organisation	Description and Legal Position	Term of Office	Allocations	Nominations May 2025/26	Status / End of term
	<b>Appointments to Council Bodies:</b>					
1	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Legacy Fund (3)</b>	To oversee the Brighton Community Fund, with grants made under the following two objectives: (i) Awards to community and voluntary organisations supporting children and young people across Brighton and Hove; and (ii) Awards to support aims and objectives of libraries.	Annual	2L; 1G	<b>Amanda Grimshaw</b> <b>Theresa Mackey</b> <b>Raphael Hill</b>	<b>May 2026</b>
2	<b>The Brighton Fund (Mayor plus 4)</b>	The primary objective of the Brighton Fund (approx. £1m) is the relief of Brighton residents who are over the age of 60 and who are in need, hardship or distress. The Charity's articles list the Mayor and 4 Councillors as making up the Board of Trustees.	Annual	The Mayor  2L; 1G;1C	<b>Amanda Grimshaw</b> <b>Ty Galvin</b> <b>Mitchie Alexander</b> <b>Ellen Mcleay</b> <b>Emma Hogan</b>	<b>May 2026</b>
3	<b>Open Market Community Interest Company (1)</b>	Community Interest Company (CIC) incorporated to take ownership through a community asset transfer of the Brighton Open Market following redevelopment of the market site on London Road. The CIC is a private company limited by guarantee where director's individual liability is restricted to £1.00. the Articles of Association provides for the Council to have 19% of the member voting rights and director representation on the CIC board, which avoids issues of influenced companies.	4 years	1L	<b>Ty Goddard</b>	<b>May 2027</b>

	Name of Organisation	Description and Legal Position	Term of Office	Allocations	Nominations May 2025/26	Status / End of term
		One director is currently required to be appointed to the CIC board to represent the council's company membership. If the number of directors reaches 10 then the council has the right to appoint a second director.				
4	<b>Patrol Adjudication Joint Committee (1)</b>	A joint committee which requires Brighton & Hove City Cllr representation. The PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee enables Councils to exercise their traffic management functions jointly with the other councils. This includes appointing independent adjudicators to the Traffic Penalty Also sits on the Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee	4 years	1L	<b>Trevor Muten</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
5	<b>SACRE (4)</b>	The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) is a body that every Local Authority is required to set up as a requirement of the 1988 Education Act. Its current terms of reference are to advise the authority upon such matters connected with religious worship in community schools and the religious education to be given in accordance with an agreed syllabus.	4 years	2L; 1G; 1C	<b>Birgit Miller</b> <b>Trevor Muten</b> <b>Raphael Hill</b> <b>Ivan Lyons</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
6	<b>Adult Education Strategic Advisory Board</b>	The Board's main function is to ensure there is continued improvement in the quality of adult learning provision at the councils Adult Education Hub which creates clear progression opportunities into work or further education. It is not a decision making board purely advisory with external skills experts or employers. Membership is made up of individuals with relevant skills and experience to govern the intent, implementation, and impact of the council service ahead of Ofsted monitoring or inspections.	Annual	1L	<b>Emma Daniel</b>	<b>May 2026</b>

	<b>Appointments to Partnerships:</b>		<b>Term of Office</b>	<b>Allocations</b>	<b>Nominations May 2025/26</b>	<b>Status / End of term</b>
1	<b>East Sussex Civil Military Partnership Board</b>	The East Sussex Civil Military Partnership Board (CMPB) was formed to address countywide issues facing the Armed Forces Community in East Sussex, and to ensure those who are part of the Armed Forces Community are treated fairly. Representation on the board includes members from The British Army, Local Reservist units, Cadet Forces, partners from larger Military Organisations (Reserves Forces and Cadets Association – RFCA, SSAFA: The Armed Forces Charity, The Royal British Legion), the Ministry of Defence, District, Borough and Parish Councils, the Lord Lieutenant's Office and the NHS.	4 years	1L	<b>Amanda Grimshaw</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
2	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Economic Growth Board</b>	The Brighton & Hove Economic Growth Partnership Board is a key alliance that unites stakeholders to support and enhance the city's economy. It ensures the business community's voice is integrated into strategic economic planning, fostering growth and opportunities for Brighton & Hove, its businesses, and residents. The Board plays a central role in implementing the Economic Plan for 2024-27 and developing long-term strategies. It also advises local and sub-regional partnerships, including the Greater Brighton City Region, on prioritizing projects that promote a fairer, greener, and more competitive economy.		1L (lead member for Finance and Regeneration)	<b>Jacob Taylor</b>	<b>May 2026</b>
3	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Food Partnership (1)</b>	Aims to drive forward delivery of the Cities Food Strategy 'Spade to Spoon'. A Cllr is appointed to the Board of Directors.	4 years	1L	<b>Mitchie Alexander</b>	<b>May 2027</b>

3A	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Safeguarding Children's Partnership (1)</b>	Independently chaired, consists of three key agencies who collectively hold statutory responsibilities for keeping children and young people safe; the Local Authority, Health and Sussex Police. The BHSCP's objectives are to co-ordinate work undertaken by all agencies and individuals to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people and to ensure the effectiveness of that work.	Annual	1L (lead member childrens)	<b>Emma Daniel</b>	<b>May 2026</b>
3B	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Safeguarding Adult Board (2)</b>	Statutory (Care Act) group of statutory, private, voluntary, and independent organisations across Brighton & Hove who work together to promote the welfare of vulnerable adults. Publish a strategic plan, an annual report and commission Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs).	Annual	2L (lead member adults)	<b>Mitchie Alexander</b> <b>Ty Galvin</b>	<b>May 2026</b>
3C	<b>Community Safety Partnership Board (3)</b>	The Community Safety Partnership Board is responsible for ensuring the statutory and other duties of the Community Safety Partnership Board are delivered effectively and efficiently by its Responsible Authorities and partners. The overarching duty is to reduce crime and disorder, improve community safety and reduce re-offending in Brighton & Hove. This duty is set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and in subsequent guidance and legislation.	Annual	2L; 1C	<b>Emma Daniel</b> <b>Andrei Czolak</b> <b>Ivan Lyons</b>	<b>May 2026</b>
3D	<b>Downland Advisory Panel (5)</b>	Allows Brighton & Hove City Council to draw on and access local skills, experience and expertise, to advise on the management of the City Downland Estate and assist with the strategic direction and implementation of the City Downland Estate Plan – its policy development, plans and delivery.	Annual	3L;1G;1C	<b>Tim Rowkins</b> <b>Theresa Fowler</b> <b>Mitchie Alexander</b> <b>Pete West</b>	<b>May 2026</b>

					<b>Carol Theobald</b>	
4	<b>Equalities and Inclusion Partnership (1)</b>	The partnership is commissioned by Brighton & Hove Connected to drive improvements in community engagement, specifically collaborative working between public services and communities, to reduce inequality and foster community resilience and activity.	4 years	1L	<b>Mitchie Alexander</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
4A	<b>East Sussex Strategic Planning Group (1)</b>	The purpose of the Strategic Planning Members Group is to raise awareness of cross boundary issues and explore key matters of concern. Quarterly meeting – Planning Lead Councillor attends.	4 years	1L (planning lead)	<b>Alison Thompson</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
4B	<b>Coastal West Sussex Strategic Planning Board (1)</b>	Comprises lead councillors from each of the local planning authorities across Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton. The Board is an advisory body whose remit is to: -identify and manage spatial planning issues that impact on more than one local planning area across the Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton area; and -support better integration and alignment of strategic spatial and investment priorities in the Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton area.	4 years	1L (planning lead)	<b>Alison Thompson</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
5A	<b>Joint Staff Consultation Forum (4)</b>	The role of the Joint Staff Consultation Forum is to provide a mechanism for regular communication and consultation (a) in support of the Council's approach to working in partnership with its recognised trade unions and professional associations and (b) to maintain a healthy employee relations climate.	4 years	4L	<b>Bella Sankey Tim Rowkins Jacob Taylor Julie Cattell</b>	<b>May 2027</b>

5B	<b>Orbis Partnership Oversight Board (2)</b>	To oversee and monitor the delivery of the Orbis Partnership for the benefit of each participating council. Annual meeting.	Annual	2L	<b>Joy Robinson Jacob Allen</b>	<b>May 2026</b>
5C	<b>One Voice Partnership (3)</b>	The One Voice partnership is based on empowering communities by ensuring positive media messages on local BME and minority communities, developing community resilience against extremism and terrorism, ensuring joint working to support cohesion and integration and facilitating these communities to come together to celebrate shared values around promoting inclusion, pluralism and partnership working.	Annual	2L;1C	<b>Bella Sankey Mohammed Asaduzzaman Emma Hogan</b>	<b>May 2026</b>
5D	<b>Prevent Board (1)</b>	The Prevent Board coordinates activities with partners to tackle and reduce risks of people joining or supporting all forms of terrorism. The Board works with communities to develop resilience to extremist influences which support terrorism.	Annual	1L	<b>Emma Daniel</b>	<b>May 2026</b>
6	<b>Transport for the South East (1)</b>	A Member Partnership Board at Leader or Executive / Lead Councillor level comprising representation from 16 Local Transport Authorities within the South East Region.. Its role is to set a Transport Strategy and further represent and deliver Transport Infrastructure and support Growth for the Region and work in partnership with Government and Strategic Agencies including Network Rail, Highways England, National Parks, 5 LEPs and 44 Boroughs & Districts.	4 years	1L	<b>Trevor Muten</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
7	<b>Transport Partnership (3)</b>	Formed in 2009, bringing together various partners with an overlapping interest in transport within the city, the Transport Partnership's aim is to assist in developing an integrated and accessible transport system that minimises damage to the environment and promotes sustainable and healthy travel	4 years	2L;1G	<b>Trevor Muten Gary Wilkinson Steve Davis</b>	<b>May 2027</b>

		choices that will contribute to a safer, cleaner, quieter city, and contributes towards the delivery of the Community Strategy's other key priority areas.				
8	<b>Quality Bus Partnership (2)</b>	The Quality Bus Partnership is a voluntary partnership of all the bus operators in the city and the City Council and Brighton Buswatch.	4 years	2L	<b>Trevor Muten</b> <b>David McGregor</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
9	<b>Youthwise (3)</b>	Views and recommendations from this group will be taken into account and will be represented at the Children, Young People and Skills Committee by the Councillors and Youth Council representative. Membership includes young people from different areas, groups and youth services in the city including representatives from the Youth Council, Children in Care Council, commissioned youth projects and other youth organisations	Annual	2L; 1G	<b>TJ Sheard</b> <b>Mitchie Alexander</b> <b>Chloe Goldsmith</b>	<b>May 2026</b>

	Appointments to Outside Bodies:		Term of Office	Allocations	Nominations May 2025/26	Status / End of term
1	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Barnardo's Link Plus Fostering Panel (1)</b>	Jointly constituted Fostering Panel that hears Barnardo's cases	4 years	1L	<b>Julie Cattell</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
1A	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Estates Conservation Trust (2)</b>	Registered charity with objectives to improve the conservation and enhancement of the natural and built environment of the south downs, in particular Stanmer Park.	4 years	2L	<b>Jackie O'Quinn Theresa Fowler</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
2	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Seaside Community Homes Ltd (3)</b>	A not-for profit charitable company set up by the Council to raise investment to improve empty properties – 499 empty properties leased to Seaside Homes by the Council. 3 Members who are <u>not</u> Cabinet members or Cabinet Advisors	4 years	2L; 1G (nb not a member of Cabinet)	<b>Liz Loughran Faiza Baghoth Kerry Pickett</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
3	<b>Brighton Dome &amp; Festival Limited (2)</b>	Charitable Trust with 2 Cllrs appointed to the Board of Trustees.	3-years	2L	<b>Jackie O'Quinn Lucy Helliwell</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
3A	<b>Combating Drugs Partnership</b>	Local areas are required to have or be a member of a dedicated multi agency Combating Drugs Partnership that brings together action and oversight across the three priorities of the 10-year national drugs strategy with accountability for local delivery	Annual	3L	<b>Emma Daniel Mitchie Alexander Andrei Czolak</b>	<b>May 2026</b>



4	<b>East Sussex Fire Authority (6)</b>	Under the East Sussex Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1996 each constituent authority appoints members to the Fire Authority	4 years	4L;1G;1C	<b>Ty Goddard Amanda Evans Mohammed Asaduzzaman Jackie O'Quinn Raphael Hill Carol Theobald</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
5	<b>East Sussex Pension Board (1)</b>	A new Board required to be established by The Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Governance) Regulations 2015.	Annual	S151 Officer	<b>S151 Officer</b>	<b>May 2026</b>
6	<b>Gorham's Gift ((3)</b>	Trust managing parts of Telscombe Village left to the Council.	4 years	2L;1G	<b>Liz Loughran Theresa Fowler Bridget Fishleigh</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
7	<b>Homes for Brighton &amp; Hove LLP (3)</b>	Partnership between Brighton & Hove City Council and the Hyde Group to provide new affordable homes for local people, specifically for lower income households in Brighton & Hove.	4 years	2L;1G	<b>Gill Williams Andrei Czolak Ellen Mcleay</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
8	<b>Local Government Association (4)</b>	Representatives attend the LGA Annual Conference and membership provides access to seminars/information.	Annual	2L;1G;1C	<b>Bella Sankey Jacob Taylor Sue Shanks Carol Theobald</b>	<b>May 2026</b>

9	<b>Sussex Police &amp; Crime Panel (2)</b>	A joint Committee required by Regulations to monitor and support the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner. First member from majority group. Second member to be confirmed to reflect overall political composition of SPCP.	4 years	1L; 1TBC by SPCP	<b>Andrei Czolak</b> 1TBC by SPCP	<b>May 2027</b>
10	<b>Race Ground Lessees (2)</b>	Two Directors are required to be appointed to the Raceground Company to reflect the Council's shareholding in the Company.	4 years	2L	<b>John Hewitt</b> <b>Ty Galvin</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
11	<b>Shoreham Port Authority LA Liaison Committee (1)</b>	This Local Authority Liaison Committee and a Port Users group have also been established to provide a mechanism by which key stakeholders can formally communicate with Port representatives.	4 years	1L	<b>Joy Robinson</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
12	<b>Shoreham Harbour Leaders Board (1)</b>	To deliver the regeneration of Shoreham Harbour. Membership includes Shoreham Port Authority, Adur, BHCC and WSCC. Planning lead member or Leader attends.	4 years	1L (planning lead or leader)	<b>Jacob Taylor</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
13	<b>South Downs National Park Authority (1)</b>	Responsible for Planning, Governance and Policy for South Downs National Park. Required by Regulations.	4 years	1L	<b>Theresa Fowler</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
14	<b>Southern Regional Flood &amp; Coastal Committee (1)</b>	The Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) is a committee established by the Environment Agency under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 that brings together members appointed by Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) and independent members.	4 years	1L	<b>Theresa Fowler</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
15	<b>Sussex IFCA (1)</b>	Inshore Fishing and Conservation Authority. Cllr Committee member.	4 years	1L	<b>Theresa Fowler</b>	<b>May 2027</b>

		Managing a sustainable marine environment.				
16	<b>The Royal Pavilion Trust Board (3)</b>	3 members appointed to the board.	3 Years	2L, 1G	<b>Alan Robins Amanda Grimshaw Sue Shanks</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
17	<b>The West Pier Trust Board (1)</b>	<p>The West Pier Trust is a charity and a limited company which owns the pier and the rights that attach to it. It is non-profit making. The objects for which the Trust is established are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to preserve and enhance for the public benefit the area comprising the Pier, the foreshore around and below it and their immediate surroundings which are hereinafter referred to as 'the area of benefit';</li> <li>2. to promote high standards of planning and architecture in the area of benefit;</li> <li>3. to secure the preservation protection development and improvement of features of historic interest in the area of benefit.</li> </ol>	4 years	1L	<b>Birgit Miller</b>	<b>May 2027</b>
18	<b>University of Sussex Court (1)</b>	Meets Annually as the Sussex Annual Forum to promote the Research, Teaching and interests of the University to the local area, enhance relationships with businesses to strengthen placement opportunities and provide an opportunity for networking	4 years	1L	<b>Jacob Taylor</b>	<b>May 2027</b>

19	<b>Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP)</b>	<p>East Sussex, Brighton &amp; Hove and West Sussex Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) is a strategic partnership between East Sussex County Council, Brighton &amp; Hove City Council and West Sussex County Council and is accredited to VisitEngland. Brighton &amp; Hove City Council is the accountable body.</p> <p>The LVEP Advisory Board consists of public and private sector representatives who act in a voluntary and unremunerated capacity. The group is responsible for providing guidance and recommendations regarding activities and actions that will raise the profile of Sussex as a visitor destination and in the development of new priorities; it does not have voting rights or decision-making authority on financial matters.</p>	Annual	1L (lead member for Culture, Heritage & Tourism)	<b>Birgit Miller</b>	<b>May 2026</b>
20	<b>University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<p>University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (UHSx) is an NHS trust which provides acute and specialist healthcare to residents of Brighton &amp; Hove and Sussex at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, as well as at several other acute sites across Brighton &amp; Hove and West Sussex. As an NHS Foundation Trust, UHSx is governed by an executive Board supported by a Council of Governors. Governors hold the Trust's Board to account as well as providing a link between the Board and Foundation Trust members, staff, and local residents. UHSx</p>	3 years	1L	<b>Mitchie Alexander</b>	<b>May 2027</b>

		Governors are appointed to represent a variety of stakeholders, including the relevant upper tier local authorities. An appointed Governor position is reserved for a member of Brighton & Hove City Council.				
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