

COUNCIL ADDENDUM 3 AMENDMENTS

4.30PM, THURSDAY, 10 JULY 2025

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

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Agenda Item 26

Subject: Honorary Freedom of the City

Date of meeting: 10 July 2025

Proposer: Councillor West

Seconded: Councillor Shanks

Ward(s) affected: All

Green Group Amendment

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

- 2.1 That the Council approve the Policy attached as Appendix 1, ***subject to the amendments below***, with immediate effect.

Paragraph 2.3.3 to include the following:

- ***health and wellbeing***
- ***education***

Recommendations to read if carried:

- 2.1 That the Council approve the Policy attached as Appendix 1, subject to the amendments below, with immediate effect.

Paragraph 2.3.3 to include the following:

- health and wellbeing
- education

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Agenda Item 28

Subject: Looking after our heritage

Date of meeting: 10 July 2025

Proposer: Councillor Sykes

Seconder: Councillor Hill

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Green 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) Brighton & Hove is home to nationally significant cultural treasures, from Saxon churches to the Royal Pavilion;
- 2) Although there are 18 at-risk sites listed by Historic England across the city, many others, perhaps less well-known, were not included;
- 3) Patcham is in the Domesday book and is home to Brighton's oldest church, All Saints. However, it is also home to a 16th century dovecote surrounded by fencing; a rare 1930s clocktower with structural weakness; Patcham Place sports pavilion vandalized and closed down; and Patcham Peace Gardens with its neglected and dilapidated Doric Temple and gardens which the U3A work hard to maintain;
- 4) *In addition there are council-owned heritage assets around the city which are subject to modification and damage by private companies, for example utility companies and this is often inadequately controlled;***
- 4-5)-Tourists and residents note the poor state of the city's heritage which Brighton & Hove City Council is responsible for: the art deco bus shelters in Old Steine complete with smashed windows and graffiti; the shocking state of disrepair of the seafront shelters; ***City Downland Estate assets including the long neglected Long Barn at Stanmer***
- 5 6) The significant reputational damage the council suffers when heritage treasured by residents and in full view of tourists is left to deteriorate;
- 6-7) That officers have recommended a review be completed of all council-owned heritage assets because the extent of the problem is widespread but also not fully known.

Therefore, resolves to:

- 1) Request that the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers a cross-party Task & Finish Group review is undertaken of all council-controlled heritage assets, addressing potential timelines for restoring, ~~and~~ maintaining ***and controlling access to*** our assets, to be undertaken by December 2025;

Supporting Information:

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/24724533.18-sites-brighton-historic-england-heritage-risk-register/>

Recommendations to read if carried:

This council notes:

- 1) Brighton & Hove is home to nationally significant cultural treasures, from Saxon churches to the Royal Pavilion;
- 2) Although there are 18 at-risk sites listed by Historic England across the city, many others, perhaps less well-known, were not included;
- 3) Patcham is in the Domesday book and is home to Brighton's oldest church, All Saints. However, it is also home to a 16th century dovecote surrounded by fencing; a rare 1930s clocktower with structural weakness; Patcham Place sports pavilion vandalized and closed down; and Patcham Peace Gardens with its neglected and dilapidated Doric Temple and gardens which the U3A work hard to maintain;
- 4) In addition there are council-owned heritage assets around the city which are subject to modification and damage by private companies, for example utility companies and this is often inadequately controlled;
- 5) Tourists and residents note the poor state of the city's heritage which Brighton & Hove City Council is responsible for: the art deco bus shelters in Old Steine complete with smashed windows and graffiti; the shocking state of disrepair of the seafront shelters; City Downland Estate assets including the long neglected Long Barn at Stanmer
- 6) The significant reputational damage the council suffers when heritage treasured by residents and in full view of tourists is left to deteriorate;
- 7) That officers have recommended a review be completed of all council-owned heritage assets because the extent of the problem is widespread but also not fully known.

Therefore, resolves to:

- 1) Request that the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers a cross-party Task & Finish Group review is undertaken of all council-controlled heritage assets, addressing potential timelines for restoring, maintaining and controlling access to our assets, to be undertaken by December 2025;

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Agenda Item 28

Subject: Looking after our heritage

Date of meeting: 10 July 2025

Proposer: Councillor Parrott

Seconded: Councillor Burden

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Labour 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) Brighton & Hove is home to nationally significant ~~cultural treasures~~, from Saxon churches to the Royal Pavilion;
- 2) ~~Although there are~~ 18 at-risk sites ***are*** listed by Historic England ~~across the city, many others, perhaps~~ ***are*** less well-known, were not included;
- 3) ~~Patcham is in the Domesday book and is home to Brighton's oldest church, All Saints. However, it is also home to a 16th century dovecote surrounded by fencing; a rare~~ a 1930s clocktower with structural weakness; Patcham Place sports pavilion ~~vandalized and closed down~~ ***included in the list of planned pavilion upgrades in Administration's's Playing Pitch Strategy***; and Patcham Peace Gardens ~~with its neglected and dilapidated Doric Temple and gardens which the U3A work hard to maintain~~;
- 4) Tourists and residents note the poor state of the city's heritage ***caused by fourteen years of austerity under the previous national government and the subsequent lack of funding for the restoration and maintenance of the country's heritage assets***, which Brighton & Hove City Council is responsible for: ~~the art deco bus shelters in Old Steine complete with smashed windows and graffiti; the shocking state of disrepair of the seafront shelters; , which has been~~ ***recognising that the total national budget for Historic England was only £117m in 2023/24***
- 5) The significant reputational damage ~~the council suffers when heritage treasured by residents and in full view of tourists is left to deteriorate~~; ***and concern expressed by residents and visitors has led to this administration's determination to begin the restoration programme for Madeira Terraces and the seafront heritage lanterns, whose restoration begins autumn 2025.***

- 6) That officers have recommended a review be completed of all council-owned heritage assets **to establish** because the **full** extent of the problem is widespread but also not fully known.

Therefore, resolves to:

- 1) Request that the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers **undertaking** a cross-party Task & Finish Group review is undertaken of all council-controlled heritage assets, addressing potential timelines **and funding** for restoring **and maintaining** **enhance** our assets, ~~to be undertaken by December 2025;~~
- 2) ***Note the ongoing consultation with residents and community groups to guide future investment in the city's heritage, recognising the social, educational and public value of cultural regeneration.***
- 3) ***Request the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers as part of any review how the Council can strengthen partnerships with local arts organisations, schools, colleges, universities, and heritage groups to promote cultural education and inclusive access to our heritage.***

Supporting Information:

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/24724533.18-sites-brighton-historic-england-heritage-risk-register/>

Recommendations to read if carried:

This Council Notes:

- 1) Brighton & Hove is home to nationally significant heritage, from Saxon churches to the Royal Pavilion;
- 2) 18 at risk sites are listed by Historic England, others, are less well-known
- 3) Patcham, is home to Brighton's oldest church, a 16th century dovecote; a 1930s clocktower; Patcham Place sports pavilion, included in the list of planned pavilion upgrades in Administration's's Playing Pitch Strategy; and Patcham Peace Gardens which the U3A maintain;
- 4) Tourists and residents note the poor state of the city's heritage caused by fourteen years of austerity under the previous national government and the subsequent lack of funding for the maintenance of the country's heritage assets, recognising that the total national budget for Historic England was only £117m in 2023/24
- 5) The reputational damage and concern expressed by residents and visitors has led to this administration's determination to begin the restoration programme for Madeira Terraces and the seafront heritage lanterns, whose restoration begins autumn 2025.
- 6) That officers have recommended a review be completed of all council-owned heritage assets to establish the full extent of the problem.

Therefore, resolves to:

- 1) Request that the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee consider undertaking a cross-party Task & Finish Group review of all council-controlled heritage assets, addressing potential timelines and funding for restoration and maintenance;
- 2) Note the ongoing consultation with residents and community groups to guide future investment in the city's heritage, recognising the social, educational and public value of cultural regeneration.
- 3) Request the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers as part of any review how the Council can strengthen partnerships with local arts organisations, schools, colleges, universities, and heritage groups to promote cultural education and inclusive access to our heritage.

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Agenda Item 29

Subject: Recognising Unpaid Carers

Date of meeting: 10 July 2025

Proposer: Councillor Parrott

Seconder: Councillor Burden

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Labour Group Amendment

This council notes:

- 1) Unpaid carers ~~are estimated to save the government~~ **contribute** £162 billion every year ***in selfless work for loved ones*** [1] ^[1]
- 2) 44% of adults providing unpaid care for over 35 hours a week are in poverty, with nearly 8% of people receiving Carers Allowance relying on food banks^[2]
- 3) Carers Allowance is entirely deducted from Universal Credit payments and there is a 'cliff edge' when hitting the £196/week part-term earnings limit
- 4) The uncertainty remaining for those being prosecuted due to 'overpayments' of Carers Allowance, which for many was due the complexity of calculating allowances
- 5) Unpaid carers play a vital role in our City and ~~should be~~ **are** recognised ***by this Council*** and compensated for the ***valuable*** work they do
- 6) The government ~~must~~ ***will continue to*** take swift action to tackle poverty among unpaid carers and ~~not worsen this with prosecutions~~ ***ensure fairness in the systems within our welfare state***

Therefore, resolves to:

- ~~1) Request that the Leader of the Council writes to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care calling on them to:~~
 - ~~a) Urgently address how money from Carers Allowance is treated in relation to Universal Credit;~~
 - ~~b) Change rules around part-time earnings to allow unpaid carers to do more work and remove the 'cliff edge';~~
 - ~~c) Cease all current and future prosecutions of Carers Allowance overpayments;~~
 - ~~d) Enable currently unpaid carers to be able to be paid as carers for family members; and~~
 - ~~e) Simplify the system for unpaid carers to calculate allowances and expenses.~~
- 2-1) Request that a report is brought to Cabinet to ~~consider the option of carrying out a consultation to assess the needs of unpaid carers locally and to explore what the council can do to better support them~~ refreshing the local carers strategy which has proved successful and useful since its launch in 2018.

- 1) Welcome the unprecedented rise in the earnings limit on carer's allowance in the government's 2024 autumn budget, meaning carers are able to earn up to £2,340 per year more.
- 2) Give our solidarity to the 20,800 unpaid carers in the city, including 25% of BHCC employees.

Supporting Notes

[1] Unpaid care in England and Wales valued at £445 million per day:

<https://www.carersuk.org/press-releases/unpaid-care-in-england-and-wales-valued-at-445-million-per-day/>

[2] Heading for crisis: Caught between caring and rising costs:

https://www.carersuk.org/media/x5sfjlbx/heading_for_crisis_report.pdf

Recommendations to read if carried:

This council notes:

- 1) Unpaid carers contribute £162 billion every year in selfless work for loved ones[1]
- 2) 44% of adults providing unpaid care for over 35 hours a week are in poverty, with nearly 8% of people receiving Carers Allowance relying on food banks[2]
- 3) Carers Allowance is entirely deducted from Universal Credit payments and there is a 'cliff edge' when hitting the £196/week part-term earnings limit
- 4) The uncertainty remaining for those being prosecuted due to 'overpayments' of Carers Allowance, which for many was due the complexity of calculating allowances
- 5) Unpaid carers play a vital role in our City and are recognised by this Council for the valuable work they do
- 6) The government will continue to take swift action to tackle poverty among unpaid carers and ensure fairness in the systems within our welfare state

Therefore, resolves to:

- 1) Request that a report is brought to Cabinet refreshing the local carers strategy which has proved successful and useful since its launch in 2018.
- 2) Welcome the unprecedented rise in the earnings limit on carer's allowance in the government's 2024 autumn budget, meaning carers are able to earn up to £2,340 per year more.
- 3) Give our solidarity to the 20,800 unpaid carers in the city, including 25% of BHCC employees.

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Agenda Item 30

Subject: **Academisation of Woodingdean Primary school**

Date of meeting: **10 July 2025**

Proposer: **Councillor Shanks**

Seconder: **Councillor McLeay**

Ward(s) affected: **All**

Notice of Motion

Green Group Amendment

This council notes:

- 1) That Woodingdean Primary School is undergoing a consultation on proposals to join the Eko Trust.
- 2) There is significant concern about the principle of academisation from staff, parents, carers and the community.
- 3) Woodingdean has two 'good' Ofsted rated maintained schools which deliver excellent educational outcomes for children.
- 4) The Eko Trust is in the process of a merger with another Multi Academy Trust – feeding uncertainty into the process and future implications for the school.
- 5) School governors are a vital asset to our family of schools and help deliver excellent educational opportunities for the children of our city – hence we do not want to see them undermined as is often the case in a Multi Academy Trust.

This council resolves to:

- 1) Request that the Leader of the Council writes to the Co-Chair of governors at Woodingdean Primary to seek to extend the consultation period to the autumn, supporting parent's wishes.
- 2) Request officers to consider how best to ensure that Woodingdean school governors are fully aware and briefed on the school improvement work undertaken in recent years, and the totality of the LEA offer to schools prior to the next Full Governing Board meeting where feedback from the consultation is to be discussed.
- 3) Request officers and Cabinet members to listen and respond to feedback from the school and to consider whether bespoke packages of support are available and committing to always innovate and evolve the LEA offer.
- 4) Request officers to consider how they can seek out schools considering academisation, and to present a robust case to them for remaining with the LEA.
- 5) Note the Administration's position to explicitly oppose new academisation proposals on principle.

6) *Lobby the government to adopt our position on academies and bring back academies into local authority control, abolish funding for new academy and free schools and increase funding for all schools.*

Recommendations to read if carried:

This council notes:

- 1) That Woodingdean Primary School is undergoing a consultation on proposals to join the Eko Trust.
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This council resolves to:

- 1) Request that the Leader of the Council writes to the Co-Chair of governors at Woodingdean Primary to seek to extend the consultation period to the autumn, supporting parent's wishes.
- 2) Request officers to consider how best to ensure that Woodingdean school governors are fully aware and briefed on the school improvement work undertaken in recent years, and the totality of the LEA offer to schools prior to the next Full Governing Board meeting where feedback from the consultation is to be discussed.
- 3) Request officers and Cabinet members to listen and respond to feedback from the school and to consider whether bespoke packages of support are available and committing to always innovate and evolve the LEA offer.
- 4) Request officers to consider how they can seek out schools considering academisation, and to present a robust case to them for remaining with the LEA.
- 5) Note the Administration's position to explicitly oppose new academisation proposals on principle.
- 6) Lobby the government to adopt our position on academies and bring back academies into local authority control , abolish funding for new academy and free schools and increase funding for all schools.