

# **COUNCIL ADDENDUM 2 Amendments**

**4.30PM, THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2025**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**



## **ADDENDUM**

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# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 55a(2)

**Subject:** Petition for Debate

**Date of meeting:** 18 December 2025

**Proposer:** Councillor Pickett

**Seconder:** Councillor Hill

**Ward(s) affected:** All

### Green Group Amendment

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

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the petition is noted ***and referred to Place OSC for consideration.***

#### Recommendations to read if carried:

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2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to Place OSC for consideration.



# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 61

**Subject:** Council Budget and Public Participation

**Date of meeting:** 18 December 2025

**Proposer:** Councillor Jacob Taylor

**Seconder:** Councillor Gary Wilkinson

**Ward(s) affected:** All

### Notice of Motion

### Labour Group Amendment

This council notes:

- 1) Our highly constrained council budget, described as one of the most challenging this council has seen, with in-year and multi-year pressures impacting on services.
- 2) Resident frustration about council finances in areas of particular concern to them, including about the basis for decision-making on significant items of spend, and service cuts ***desire to have a well-run council, with good financial management, and services protected and improved.***
- 3) The commitment by the council Administration to ensuring open and transparent local government under the Cabinet system.
- 4) The value that Participatory Budgeting (PB) and Participatory Advocacy (PA) can add, ***that Brighton & Hove City Council already uses participatory approaches, including for the recently launched Better Brighton & Hove Fund***, and the availability of the new Your Voice channel on the council website to facilitate participatory approaches.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- 1) ~~Proactively shift from a culture of 'need to know' to one of trust, openness and transparency in budget decision-making.~~
- 2) ***Acknowledge that a draft budget has been published in December this year, welcome this as good practice, and agree that publication of draft budget proposals in December should remain the aim in future years.*** ~~Request of the Finance Lead in future years to publish a draft budget in December, prior to Budget Council in February; to allow the public, businesses and the VCS time to provide constructive comment and input on draft proposals.~~
- 3) ~~Request of the Finance Lead to raise the profile of budget communication material, aiming to increasing public knowledge and awareness of budget~~

challenges. ***Request that all councillors seek to understand the budget-setting process and play their part in promoting public understanding of budget challenges.***

- 4) ~~Propose to our Scrutiny Committee chairs that they jointly commission a Task and Finish Group to review potential for PB approaches in council budget development and to suggest that this review may consider (a) earmarking a small proportion of a Directorate budget to PB approaches (b) piloting PA approaches to help inform Administration messaging to HMG on Council finances.~~ ***Ask Cabinet to continue and, where appropriate, expand targeted and proportionate participatory approaches to budget-setting, including building on the Better Brighton & Hove Fund and use of the Your Voice platform, and invite Scrutiny Committee chairs to consider whether any refinements are needed within existing arrangements to strengthen budget scrutiny and engagement, while avoiding the creation of new resource-intensive structures during the current financial challenges.***

#### **Supporting information:**

- 1) Early budget publication and participatory approaches have previously been used by this Council.
- 2) According to the LGA, participatory budgeting can be most useful after a devolution deal has been agreed and decisions need to be made about budget allocations. Budgets can be spent in a way which better reflects the strengths, needs and aspirations of the local community and can improve self-confidence, increase volunteering and faith in local service providers, helping to establish positive relationships with citizens and organisation within devolution areas. [Participatory Budgeting | Local Government Association](#)

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

This council notes:

- 1) Our highly constrained council budget, described as one of the most challenging this council has seen, with in-year and multi-year pressures impacting on services.
- 2) Resident desire to have a well-run council, with good financial management, and services protected and improved.
- 3) The commitment by the council Administration to ensuring open and transparent local government under the Cabinet system.
- 4) The value that Participatory Budgeting (PB) and Participatory Advocacy (PA) can add, that Brighton & Hove City Council already uses participatory approaches, including for the recently launched Better Brighton & Hove Fund, and the availability of the new Your Voice channel on the council website to facilitate participatory approaches

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- 1) Acknowledge that a draft budget has been published in December this year, welcome this as good practice, and agree that publication of draft



budget proposals in December should remain the aim in future years.

- 2) Request that all councillors seek to understand the budget-setting process and play their part in promoting public understanding of budget challenges.
- 3) Ask Cabinet to continue and, where appropriate, expand targeted and proportionate participatory approaches to budget-setting, including building on the Better Brighton & Hove Fund and use of the Your Voice platform, and invite Scrutiny Committee chairs to consider whether any refinements are needed within existing arrangements to strengthen budget scrutiny and engagement, while avoiding the creation of new resource-intensive structures during the current financial challenges.



# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 62

**Subject:** Awaab's Law

**Date of meeting:** 18 December 2025

**Proposer:** Councillor Williams

**Seconder:** Councillor Sheard

**Ward(s) affected:**

### 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 heartbreaking story of toddler Awaab Ishak's death as a result of damp and mould in his home, which shone a spotlight into poor living conditions across households in Britain.
- 2) ***The Government's*** Awaab's Law – which took effect on 27th October 2025 to prevent similar deaths – places strict timelines on some landlords to address emergency and significant hazards in their properties.
- 3) ***The Government's historic Renters Right Act 2025 which includes welcome proposals to extend Awaab's Law to privately rented homes.*** ~~While Awaab's Law applies to all social landlords, it does not apply to long leasehold, owner-occupied, low-cost home ownership, temporary or occupied under a license, supported accommodation, or shared ownership properties.~~
- 4) That all tenants across Brighton & Hove struggling with damp and mould-infested properties, including those currently excluded from Awaab's law, deserve to live in healthy and well-maintained homes, free from conditions that could impact health and wellbeing.
- 5) ***The Administration has taken bold action on housing quality including introducing a landlord licensing scheme, radically reducing the council repair backlog, restoring HMO licensing, and directly purchasing council and temporary accommodation.***

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- 1) Request that ***the next update to Cabinet about the Administration's Housing Strategy includes a review of what we have done so far in relation to Awaab's Law for our council tenants and what more we can do in relation*** ~~a report comes to a future Cabinet meeting, exploring how we as a council can expand the intention of Awaab's Law to cover as many~~

~~tenants as possible, including but not limited to:~~

- ~~a. reviewing future external accommodation contracts, setting out clear targets and inspection schedules **for external accommodation contracts, and robust management of**, and taking more proactive action on current contracts.~~
- ~~b. working in close partnership with council tenants on how to improve and prioritise housing maintenance of council-owned properties.~~
- ~~c. **addressing poor property conditions in the private rented sector through implementing the next phase of the Administration's** investigating how elements of Awaab's Law could improve the landlord licensing scheme., and whether the wider roll-out of the scheme could be sped up.~~

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

This council notes:

- 1) The heartbreaking story of toddler Awaab Ishak's death as a result of damp and mould in his home, which shone a spotlight into poor living conditions across households in Britain.
- 2) The Government's Awaab's Law – which took effect on 27th October 2025 to prevent similar deaths – places strict timelines on some landlords to address emergency and significant hazards in their properties.
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- 4) That all tenants across Brighton & Hove struggling with damp and mould-infested properties, including those currently excluded from Awaab's law, deserve to live in healthy and well-maintained homes, free from conditions that could impact health and wellbeing.
- 5) The Administration has taken bold action on housing quality including introducing a landlord licensing scheme, radically reducing the council repair backlog, restoring HMO licensing, and directly purchasing council and temporary accommodation.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- 1) Request that the next update to Cabinet about the Administration's Housing Strategy includes a review of what we have done so far in relation to Awaab's Law for our council tenants and what more we can do in relation to:
  - a. setting out clear targets and inspection schedules for external accommodation contracts, and robust management of, current contracts.

- b. addressing poor property conditions in the private rented sector through implementing the next phase of the Administration's landlord licensing scheme.



# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 63

**Subject:** Winter Economy

**Date of meeting:** 18 December 2025

**Proposer:** Councillor Hill

**Seconder:** Councillor West

**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 a popular tourist destination but could be a better winter and Christmas destination. The city still receives a million fewer visitors per year compared to pre-pandemic levels.
- 2) The Brighton Festival, Brighton Pride, and the London to Brighton Bike Ride occur in late spring and summer, but there are no similar winter events.
- 3) The pier's owners recently commented that Brighton was not attracting enough tourists, and the pier itself might be sold because of declining profits. The ice rink may not return after this year.
- 4) Burning the Clocks was cancelled due to funding challenges, and there is no Christmas market this year.
- 5) Businesses work hard to provide the Christmas lights, but opinion is divided on how good they are. Churchill Square shopping centre makes the news because of how poor its Christmas tree is, not because of how good it is.
- 6) There is no specific mention of improving the winter economy in the Brighton & Hove Economic Plan.
- 7) ***Concerns raised by local businesses in a recent Guardian article such as Gunns florist whose business is being harmed by Brexit customs charges which has meant longer times for deliveries***
- ~~7) The council's Shop Local scheme is begging residents to shop locally when the administration is putting off shoppers with high parking fees and high tax.~~

- 8) Employer national insurance contributions have increased considerably encouraging unemployment. Food and drink inflation is 4.9% which is damaging to our essential hospitality industry.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- 1) Request the Chair of Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers setting up a Scrutiny Task & Finish Group focused on Brighton & Hove's winter and Christmas economy to ensure Brighton attracts tourists all year round.

### **Supporting Information:**

[Brighton Pier boss warns city needs more tourists, as admission fee doubles | The Independent](#)

[Brighton Palace Pier may be sold off, owners say - BBC News](#)

[Brighton: 2025 could be Royal Pavilion ice rink's last year 'for now' | The Argus](#)

[Argus readers share thoughts on Brighton's Christmas lights | The Argus](#)

[\*\*Brighton's struggling independent stores: 'The nation of shopkeepers will go on the dole' | Retail industry | The Guardian\*\*](#)

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

This council notes:

- 1) Brighton & Hove is a popular tourist destination but could be a better winter and Christmas destination. The city still receives a million fewer visitors per year compared to pre-pandemic levels.
- 2) The Brighton Festival, Brighton Pride, and the London to Brighton Bike Ride occur in late spring and summer, but there are no similar winter events.
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- 5) Businesses work hard to provide the Christmas lights, but opinion is divided on how good they are. Churchill Square shopping centre makes the news because of how poor its Christmas tree is, not because of how good it is.



- 6) There is no specific mention of improving the winter economy in the Brighton & Hove Economic Plan.
- 7) Concerns raised by local businesses in a recent Guardian article such as Gunns florist whose business is being harmed by Brexit customs charges which has meant longer times for deliveries
- 8) Employer national insurance contributions have increased considerably encouraging unemployment. Food and drink inflation is 4.9% which is damaging to our essential hospitality industry.

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# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 63

Subject: Winter Economy

Date of meeting: 18 December 2025

Proposer: Councillor Miller

Seconder: Councillor Asaduzzaman

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) Brighton & Hove is a popular tourist destination but could be a better ***less successful as a*** winter and Christmas destination. The city ~~still receives~~ ***12.2a million fewer visitors in 2024, almost back to*** per year compared to pre-pandemic levels.
- 2) The Brighton Festival, Brighton Pride, and the London to Brighton Bike Ride occur in late spring and summer, but weather prevents ~~there are no similar~~ ***outdoor*** winter events.
- 3) ~~The pier's owners recently commented that Brighton was not attracting enough tourists, and the pier itself might be sold because of declining profits.~~ ***Although the ice rink will need to move due to the Pavilion Gardens restoration, the council and operator are already exploring alternative sites*** ~~may not return after this for next year.~~
- 4) Burning the Clocks ***is paused but returns next*** ~~was cancelled due to funding challenges, and there is no Christmas market this year.~~ ***The Administration is already receiving excellent local Christmas market proposals for 2026.***
- 5) Businesses ***in the Brilliant Brighton BID*** work hard to provide the ***wonderful*** Christmas lights ***for the city centre.*** ~~but opinion is divided on how good they are. Churchill Square shopping centre makes the news because of how poor its Christmas tree is, not because of how good it is.~~
- 6) ~~There is no specific mention of improving the winter economy in The~~ ***Administration's Brighton & Hove Economic Plan requires that the council, "Develop an ambitious major events calendar to include a diverse range of festivals/events across the year"***

- 7) The council's Shop Local scheme **encourages residents to frequent our brilliant independent shops and the Administration froze parking charges and is keeping bus fares affordable.** ~~is begging residents to shop locally when the administration is putting off shoppers with high parking fees and high tax.~~
- 8) ~~Employer national insurance contributions have increased considerably encouraging unemployment.~~ **The last Government's Brexit legacy casts a long shadow, inhibiting employment and contributing to** food and drink inflation **which** is 4.9%, ~~which is~~ damaging to our essential hospitality industry.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- 1) Request the Chair of Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers setting up a Scrutiny Task & Finish Group focused on Brighton & Hove's winter ~~and Christmas~~ **and night time** economy to ensure Brighton attracts tourists all year round.

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- 4) Burning the Clocks is paused but returns next year. The Administration is already receiving excellent local Christmas market proposals for 2026.
- 5) Businesses in the Brilliant Brighton BID work hard to provide wonderful Christmas lights for the city centre.
- 6) The Administration's Brighton & Hove Economic Plan requires that the council, "Develop an ambitious major events calendar to include a diverse range of festivals/events across the year"
- 7) The council's Shop Local scheme encourages residents to frequent our brilliant independent shops and the Administration froze parking charges and is keeping bus fares affordable.

- 8) The last Government's Brexit legacy casts a long shadow, inhibiting employment and contributing to food and drink inflation, which is 4.9%, damaging to our essential hospitality industry.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- 1) Request the Chair of Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers setting up a Scrutiny Task & Finish Group focused on Brighton & Hove's winter Christmas and nighttime economy to ensure Brighton attracts tourists all year round.

