



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# **COUNCIL ADDENDUM 2**

**4.30PM, THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY 2026**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**



# ADDENDUM

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# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 78

**Subject:** School Admission Arrangements 2027-28

**Date of meeting:** 29 January 2026

**Proposer:** Councillor Goldsmith

**Seconder:** Councillor McLeay

**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. Recommendations

2.1 That Full Council agrees to make no changes to the council's admission arrangements other than the proposed changes listed below in recommendations 2.2 to 2.6. The full admission arrangements are set out in Appendix 2.

2.2 That Full Council agree a change to the Published Admission Number (PAN) of Rudyard Kipling Primary School from 45 to 30 pupils.

2.3 That Full Council agree a change to the Published Admission Number (PAN) of Downs Junior School from 128 to 96 pupils, to reflect changes previously made to the PAN at Downs Infant School.

2.4 That Full Council agree to change to the admission priorities for secondary schools so that the sibling link can be applied regardless of the catchment area where families live.

2.5 That Full Council agree to a change to the way waiting lists are operated.

2.6 That Full Council agree to the Primary and Secondary coordinated schemes and to make no changes to the "relevant area".

**2.7 That Full Council requests the formal creation of a cross-party working group for school admissions, that will scrutinise the impact of previous changes to arrangements, and work with schools, parents, and other stakeholders to help propose future change to arrangements to the relevant Cabinet member**

**2.8 That Full Council requests that all councillors are kept regularly updated with data on the impact of the changes to school arrangements – especially with regards to open admissions and free school meals**

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# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 84**

**Subject:** Tourist Tax

**Date of meeting:** 29 January 2026

**Proposer:** Cllr Thomson

**Seconder:** Cllr Miller

**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 acknowledges that:

1. The Government announced in the Budget that Mayors of Strategic Authorities will be permitted to ~~levy a tax on~~ ***apply an*** overnight visitors ~~levy~~;
2. Hospitality businesses ***are the beating heart of our local economy and that money raised through a future levy could be reinvested to boost the visitor economy*** already face financial pressure following increases to National Insurance and business rates;
3. ~~There are concerns~~ This administration ***has successfully*** may ~~lobbied~~ the government for the powers to implement ***an overnight visitor levy*** Tourism Tax in Brighton & Hove, helping ***the City to benefit from the significant*** ~~continue to suppress~~ visitor numbers to the city;
4. That the introduction of ***an overnight visitor levy*** Tourist Tax ~~would be paid by visitors not~~ will impose another financial burden on local hotels, B&Bs, and tourism-based businesses;
5. That ***revenue from an overnight visitor levy*** Tourism Tax would ***allow continued progress in appearance of the city as recently hailed by the CEO*** of deter buyers for the Pavilion ~~Palace~~ Pier coming forward;
6. ~~That a Tourist Tax would be passed directly onto visitors, increasing holiday costs during a period of high living expenses, undermining efforts to reduce the cost of living;~~
7. That local economies, particularly those dependent on seasonal visitors rely heavily on a thriving hospitality industry, and this additional ***revenue will enable*** tax risks making local areas less ***Brighton and Hove to remain*** competitive compared to other UK and international destinations.

This council therefore resolves to call for:

1. The **Council to respond to the** ~~Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government's~~ **consultation** expressing this Council's concerns regarding the **desire to be able to retain a significant proportion of the revenue raised by the visitor levy** potential impact of this tax on local businesses and requesting the ~~Government~~ reconsider this proposal and
2. **The Council** engages with hospitality businesses and industry experts to assess the economic harm and potential alternatives. **how the additional revenue could best strengthen the visitor economy**

### Supporting Information:

[Brighton leader: 'Tourism tax should come to councils' | Local Government Chronicle \(LGC\)](#)

[Visitor levy in England - GOV.UK](#)

### Recommendations to read if carried:

This Council acknowledges that:

1. The Government announced in the Budget that Mayors of Strategic Authorities will be permitted to apply an overnight visitor levy;
2. Hospitality businesses are the beating heart of our local economy and that money raised through a future levy could be reinvested to boost the visitor economy;
3. This administration has successfully lobbied the government for the powers to implement an overnight visitor levy in Brighton & Hove, helping the City to benefit from the significant visitor numbers to the city;
4. That the introduction of an overnight visitor levy would be paid by visitors not local hotels, B&Bs, and tourism-based businesses;
5. That revenue from an overnight visitor levy would allow continued progress in appearance of the city as recently hailed by the CEO of the Palace Pier;
6. That local economies, particularly those dependent on seasonal visitors rely heavily on a thriving hospitality industry, and this additional revenue will enable Brighton and Hove to remain competitive compared to other UK and international destinations.

This council therefore resolves to call for:

1. The Council to respond to the Government's consultation expressing this Council's desire to be able to retain a significant proportion of the revenue raised by the visitor levy.
2. The Council engages with hospitality businesses and industry experts to assess

how the additional revenue could best strengthen the visitor economy.



# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 85**

**Subject:** Endorsement of the Rights of Nature Bill

**Date of meeting:** 29 January 2026

**Proposer:** Cllr Rowkins

**Seconder:** Cllr Alexander

**Ward(s) affected:** All

## 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) ~~Current~~ ***Historic*** environmental laws and regulations are failing ***have failed*** to prevent the destruction of nature, often simply regulating the rate of destruction.
- 2) 'Rights of Nature' is a growing international legal, political and social movement that aims to rethink our relationship with nature - from one of dominance to one of interdependency requiring a respectful, holistic and empathic approach. It can act as a catalyst to shift our thinking from an extractive economy towards a regenerative economy.
- 3) ~~The UK Nature's Rights Bill introduces a transformative~~ ***proposes an alternative*** legal framework ~~the Integrated Rights Framework that recognises nature as a rights bearing legal subject and embeds human and economic rights within ecological limits.~~
- 3) ***The government's Environmental Improvement Plan 2025, which includes steps to protect 30% of land and sea for nature by 2030 ("30by30"), the creation of 3 new national forests, delivery of agri-environment schemes to incentivise sustainable farming and the reintroduction of native species.***
- 4) ***The work being undertaken by the Council and other groups and stakeholders to restore and protect nature in the city and on the Downland Estate.***

This council resolves to request the:

- 1) Council acknowledges the growing global movement of 'Rights of Nature' as a ***potential*** framework for rethinking its relationship with our city's ecosystems.
- 2) Council agrees that Brighton & Hove City Council signs the pledge<sup>1</sup> to endorse ***note*** the principles of the Nature's Rights Bill ~~changing the legal status of nature from being objects, property and resources to a legal subject with inherent rights~~ ***and monitors the progress of the proposed bill.***

- ~~3) Leader of the Council to write to the Government calling for the House of Commons to table the Nature's Rights Bill and embed the Integrated Rights Framework into UK law.~~
- 3) Council considers a 'bottom up' approach working with local communities, environmental groups and relevant stakeholders in order to implement the Nature's Rights initiatives.
- 4) Council ~~considers working~~ **works** alongside local communities, bathers, surfers, marine conservation and environmental groups on a "Rights of the Coastline" charter **to protect coastal and marine habitats and reduce the impact of human activity.**

### Recommendations to read if carried:

This Council notes:

- 1) Historic environmental laws and regulations have failed to prevent the destruction of nature, often simply regulating the rate of destruction.
- 2) 'Rights of Nature' is a growing international legal, political and social movement that aims to rethink our relationship with nature - from one of dominance to one of interdependency requiring a respectful, holistic and empathic approach. It can act as a catalyst to shift our thinking from an extractive economy towards a regenerative economy.
- 3) The government's Environmental Improvement Plan 2025, which includes steps to protect 30% of land and sea for nature by 2030 ("30by30"), the creation of 3 new national forests, delivery of agri-environment schemes to incentivise sustainable farming and the reintroduction of native species.
- 4) The work being undertaken by the Council and other groups and stakeholders to restore and protect nature in the city and on the Downland Estate.

This council resolves to request the:

- 1) Council acknowledges the growing movement of 'Rights of Nature' as a potential framework for rethinking its relationship with our city's ecosystems.
- 2) Council agrees that Brighton & Hove City Council note the principles of the Nature's Rights Bill changing the legal status of nature from being objects, property and resources to a legal subject with inherent rights and monitors the progress of the proposed bill.
- 3) Council considers a 'bottom up' approach working with local communities, environmental groups and relevant stakeholders in order to implement the Nature's Rights initiatives.
- 4) Council works alongside local communities, bathers, surfers, marine conservation and environmental groups to protect coastal and marine habitats and reduce the impact of human activity.

# Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 86

Subject: Right to Play

Date of meeting: 29 January 2026

Proposer: Cllr Robins

Seconder: Cllr Baghoth

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) The ***opportunity*** ~~right~~-to play should be available to all people in Brighton & Hove, especially children and young people.
- 2) Quality play opportunities are essential to physical and cognitive development.
- 3) ***The Council owns 53 play areas, 22 multi use games areas and 9 skateparks which are all free and open to the public and that most have recently been refurbished including adding play opportunities for children with disabilities. We also have leisure facilities, parks, open spaces and woodland that allow for play.***
- 4) Outdoor play in England has halved in a generation according to Raising the Nation's Play Commission due playground closures, busier roads, shortened school break times and the use of smartphones.
- 5) ***The Government's new draft National Planning Policy Framework sets out supportive national decision-making policies, for example to require development proposals to be designed to facilitate and encourage social interaction, play and healthy lifestyles. It also requires development plans to "at the most appropriate level... set local standards for the provision of different types of outdoor recreational land, including for play, sport, informal recreation and allotments. Play England has proposed that City Planning should place play alongside housing, infrastructure and sustainability as a core element of spatial planning in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)***

Therefore, resolves to:

- 1) ***Include in the council's consultation response to the draft NPPF that the document*** ~~Ask the Council Leader to write to Baroness Taylor of Stevenage echoing Play England's request for a House of Lords amendment to the NPPF to create a statutory requirement for play sufficiency on local authorities.~~

- 2) ~~Ask the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider setting up a 'Play Sufficiency' Task and Finish Group. This may consider areas such as:~~
- ~~• An audit of existing play provision~~
  - ~~• Removing 'no ball games' signs, and similar, from public land and encourage private landowners to do so.~~
  - ~~• A map of smaller green spaces that could be used for play.~~
  - ~~• Looking at ways to ensure new developments are considerate to the needs of children and young people as part of the City Plan.~~
  - ~~• Seeking to invest capital funding into play parks and facilities that are accessible to all.~~
  - ~~• Investigating ways to improve access to nature based play.~~
  - ~~• Designating a Councillor to act as the city's 'play champion'~~

### **Supporting Information:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/czednjy7wlxo>

[https://www.playscotland.org/resources/print/Getting-It-Right-For-Play-2025.pdf?plscctl\\_id=25096](https://www.playscotland.org/resources/print/Getting-It-Right-For-Play-2025.pdf?plscctl_id=25096)

<https://play.wales/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Making-play-sufficiency-possible-summary-report-2020.pdf>

Examples of play sufficiency assessments which are required in Wales & Scotland:

[https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/media/jewbfkgx/1-edc-play-sufficiency-assessment\\_full.pdf](https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/media/jewbfkgx/1-edc-play-sufficiency-assessment_full.pdf)

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/ChildrensServices/HelpandSupportforFamilies/Informationforfamilies/Childcare/YouthClubsandActivities/ThePlaySufficiencyAssessmentPSA.aspx>

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

This Council notes:

- 1) The opportunity to play should be available to all people in Brighton & Hove, especially children and young people.
- 2) Quality play opportunities are essential to physical and cognitive development.
- 3) The Council owns 53 play areas, 22 multi use games areas and 9 skateparks which are all free and open to the public and that most have recently been refurbished including adding play opportunities for children with disabilities. We also have leisure facilities, parks, open spaces and woodland that allow for play.
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Nation's Play Commission due playground closures, busier roads, shortened school break times and the use of smartphones.

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**Therefore, resolves to:**

- 1) Include in the council's consultation response to the draft NPPF that the document creates a statutory requirement for play sufficiency on local authorities.



# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 87

**Subject:** Co-Operative Housing

**Date of meeting:** 29 January 2026

**Proposer:** Cllr Goldsmith

**Seconded:** Cllr Lademacher

**Ward(s) affected:** All

### Notice of Motion

### Green Group Amendment

This Council notes:

- 1) That locally, nationally and internationally, co-operative housing schemes provide sustainable, genuinely affordable housing solutions that can help towards easing the homeless crisis as well as creating vibrant and cohesive communities.
- 2) That Brighton & Hove is home to a number of successful housing co-operative schemes, including Two Piers, Bunker Housing, Rosa Bridge and Seasalt.
- 3) That such schemes have historically been seen as a small scale, somewhat 'niche' form of housing in the UK, whereas in Zurich for example, 20% of all residents live in a co-op, and co-operative developments also include shops, nurseries, hotels, restaurants and workspaces.
- 4) That the current Government is working with the **Confederation of Co-operative Housing** and other sector stakeholders to legislate for a co-operative form of tenure putting such tenants on the same footing as other social housing tenants; amending the Localism Act to provide more support; and provide access to low-cost capital finance for co-operative organisations currently priced out of the market.
- 5) **That the council is currently disposing of a significant number of assets, some of which may be suitable for co-operative housing**

This Council Resolves to:

- 1) Request that Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers setting up a Task & Finish Group to make recommendations on how BHCC can:
  - a. Actively raise the profile of and seek to grow the co-operative housing sector through promoting the benefits to residents and through City Plan.
  - b. Engage with other councils regarding best practise and government regarding the legislative picture.
  - c. Develop a practical strategy to remove barriers and facilitate new affordable, community-led co-ops in the city.

- 2) Requests that any current or future council-owned buildings due to be disposed of are assessed for their suitability to become co-operative housing and, where they are, work with local groups to help enact this where possible

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- 4) That the current Government is working with the **Confederation of Co-operative Housing** and other sector stakeholders to legislate for a co-operative form of tenure putting such tenants on the same footing as other social housing tenants; amending the Localism Act to provide more support; and provide access to low-cost capital finance for co-operative organisations currently priced out of the market.
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