

COUNCIL ADDENDUM 4

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Brighton & Hove City Council

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Agenda Item 110

Subject: 3G Pitches – Use of Crumb Rubber Infill

Date of meeting: 26 March 2026

Proposer: Councillor Fowler

Seconder: Councillor Robins

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Labour Group Amendment

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

This council notes:

1. The importance of 3G Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) for physical wellbeing ***and the significant gap between demand and provision in Brighton & Hove.***
2. The use of Crumb Rubber Infill (CRI) in UK 3G AGPs
3. The disparity in the legal position on CRI between the UK/EU;
4. The growing concerns about the human/environmental health risks posed by CRI in AGPs;
5. Sport England's funding for 3G CRI contradicts its commitment(1) to carbon neutrality/microplastic reduction;
6. BHCC Policies SU3 (Water Resources and their Quality), Policy DM43 in the Local Plan;
7. ~~The~~ ***That there are currently no proven*** alternative materials to CRI ***or alternative surfaces that provide the same or similar levels of durability;*** including ~~Biochar enhanced natural turf, and HydroRock water management;~~
8. ***The trials being undertaken by the Football Federation to test alternative infill materials***
9. The Petition to Parliament to ban the use of CRI on all new 3G artificial football pitches (2).

This council resolves to:

1. To request a report from Officers to Cabinet outlining:
 - a. the health and environmental risks of CRI as, for example, expressed by the UK EA, DEFRA, EU ECHA, and some academic institutions;

- b. the current guidance/policies of relevant bodies such as the UK Government, Sports England, this Council, and other relevant bodies allowing the construction of new 3G pitches using CRI;
 - c. the alternative materials to CRI that could be used in future 3G pitches in the City;
 - d. the legal **and practical** options open to BHCC for ~~unilaterally imposing an outright ban on~~ **ceasing** the use of CRI in Council-owned/supported 3G pitches.
 - e. the extent to which planning policy can be used to influence the materials being used in future non-Council-owned 3G pitches**
2. To **support calls for the alignment of** ~~the Leader of the Council to write to the Ministers for Health and Sport to ask for a rapid resolution of the misalignment of UK law with EU law on~~ **intentionally added microplastics, including** the use of CRI in 3G AGPs.

Footnotes

1. Sport England "Every Move" (2024) strategy
2. <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/752679>

Recommendations to read if carried:

This council notes:

1. The importance of 3G Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) for physical wellbeing and the significant gap between demand and provision in Brighton & Hove.
2. The use of Crumb Rubber Infill (CRI) in UK 3G AGPs
3. The disparity in the legal position on CRI between the UK/EU;
4. The growing concerns about the human/environmental health risks posed by CRI in AGPs;
5. Sport England's funding for 3G CRI contradicts its commitment(1) to carbon neutrality/microplastic reduction;
6. BHCC Policies SU3 (Water Resources and their Quality), Policy DM43 in the Local Plan;
7. That there are currently no proven alternative materials to CRI or alternative surfaces that provide the same or similar levels of durability;
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 - c. the alternative materials to CRI that could be used in future 3G pitches in the City;
 - d. the legal and practical options open to BHCC for the use of CRI in Council-owned/supported 3G pitches.
 - e. the extent to which planning policy can be used to influence the materials being used in future non-Council-owned 3G pitches
2. To support calls for the alignment UK law with EU law on intentionally added microplastics, including the use of CRI in 3G AGPs.

Footnotes

1. *Sport England "Every Move" (2024) strategy*
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Agenda Item 111

Subject: Foodbank-Free City — From Parcels to Community Support Hubs

Date of meeting: 26 March 2026

Proposer: Councillor Mitchie Alexander
Seconder: Councillor David McGregor

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. Reliance on food banks is driven by low incomes, high living costs, ~~and gaps in statutory support.~~
2. Emergency food parcels cannot be a permanent substitute for ~~social security, housing security and properly funded public services~~ ***food and financial security.***
3. The city's community food organisations have the trust and reach in ~~providing to support a transition to dignified, non-stigmatising support.~~
4. Food is a matter of dignity and social rights, not charity or "deservingness".
5. Organisations committed to end food poverty such as the Child Poverty Action Group ***state that links between advice services and food banks should be increased.*** and the Trussell Trust have stated that a reduction in food banks should be sought by prioritising cash-first support, income maximisation, and ~~access to services.~~

This council resolves to:-

- 1 Support the principle of achieving the goal of a Foodbank-Free Brighton & Hove, ***by reducing poverty and strengthening preventative support.*** ~~meaning an end to routine dependence on emergency food parcels through higher incomes and statutory support.~~
- 2 Request officers ***continue to take a preventative and long-term approach in tackling food poverty and continue to work with community food organisations to support the aim within the Brighton & Hove Food Strategy Action Plan '25-'30 to help foodbanks, when appropriate, move***

~~to consider how local food banks and community food organisations can be supported to develop a transition plan to transform participating sites into Community Support Hubs that combine dignified food access with warm handovers into advice **on**, benefits, housing, debt, health and **employment support** safeguarding support.~~

- 3 Request officers to **continue to work with residents on building financial resilience, giving advice and signposting to community food organisations when appropriate.**~~..consider cash-first and other advice routes where these are available in preference to food bank referral~~
- 4 Request officers to bring a report to Cabinet within six months, setting out delivery steps, role boundaries (so volunteers are not substitutes for statutory services), and simple measures of progress to achieve the above ambitions.
Request members take note of the Crisis & Resilience Fund report which sets out how the council is working to increase resilience for residents in poverty, working with community food organisations and the Community & Voluntary Sector to ensure those in food crisis receive immediate support alongside advice to prevent future crisis.

Recommendations to read if carried:

This council notes:

1. Reliance on food banks is driven by low incomes, high living costs.
2. Emergency food parcels cannot be a permanent substitute for food and financial security.
3. The city's community food organisations have the trust and reach in providing dignified, non-stigmatising support.
4. Food is a matter of dignity and social rights, not charity or "deservingness".
5. Organisations committed to end food poverty such as the Child Poverty Action Group state that links between advice services and food banks should be increased.

This council resolves to:-

1. Support the principle of achieving the goal of a Foodbank-Free Brighton & Hove, by reducing poverty and strengthening preventative support.
2. Request officers continue to take a preventative and long-term approach in tackling food poverty and continue to work with community food organisations to support the aim within the Brighton & Hove Food Strategy Action Plan '25-'30 to help foodbanks, when appropriate, move into affordable food hubs that combine dignified food access with advice on, benefits, housing, debt, health and employment support..
3. Request officers to continue to work with residents on building financial resilience, giving advice and signposting to community food organisations when appropriate.

4. Request members take note of the Crisis & Resilience Fund report which sets out how the council is working to increase resilience for residents in poverty, working with community food organisations and the Community & Voluntary Sector to ensure those in food crisis receive immediate support alongside advice to prevent future crisis.

