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Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 47 a

Subject: Appointments to Council, Outside Bodies and Partnerships 2026

Date of meeting: 1 October 2026

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 This report seeks Council approval to appoint Members to the Investment and Transport Committees of the Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority.
- 1.2 This report also seeks to appoint council representatives to specified outside bodies for the 2026/27 municipal year.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Council appoints one Member to the Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority Investment Committee and two Members to the Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority Transport Committee as set out at Appendix 1
- 2.2 That Council agrees the in-year changes to appointments on outside bodies as set out at Appendix 1.

3. Context and background information

Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority

- 3.1 The Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority (SBSA) is due to make appointments to its Investment Committee and Transport Committee at its meeting on 8 October 2026. Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC) is therefore required to make its appointments at Full Council on 1 October 2026.
- 3.2 The political balance requirements for these committees are calculated by the SBSA and determined having regard to the requirements of the relevant regulatory requirements.
- 3.3 The appointments required for the Investment Committee are: one BHCC appointment, which must be Labour.
- 3.4 The appointments required for the Transport Committee are: two BHCC appointments, which must both be Labour;
- 3.5 The proposed appointments are set out at Appendix 1.

Outside Body Appointments

- 3.6 A number of Outside Body appointments are included in Appendix 1 to be updated in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

4. Analysis and consideration of alternative options

- 4.1 The proposed nominations and allocations have been raised with the relevant Group Leaders and are in keeping with the Regulations governing the political balance of committees, calculated by the SBSA based on political balance across the region.

5. Community engagement and consultation

- 5.1 The Leaders of the impacted Political Groups have been consulted and provided their nominations.

6. Financial implications

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

Name of finance officer consulted: Haley Woollard

Date consulted: 01/10/2026

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: 01/10/2026

8. Risk implications

- 8.1 If Council does not make the required appointments to the Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority committees, Brighton & Hove City Council may not be represented when those committees are constituted by the Strategic Authority on 8 October 2026.
- 8.2 Failure to follow the notified political-balance allocations when making the Strategic Authority committee appointments could result in non-compliance with the applicable statutory requirements and expose the Council's decision to legal challenge.
- 8.3 If the in-year outside-body appointments are not agreed, vacancies or outdated nominations may continue, reducing or interrupting the Council's representation and influence on the relevant bodies and partnerships.
- 8.4 These risks are mitigated by making the appointments at Council on 1 October 2026, applying the political-balance allocation provided by the Strategic Authority, and consulting the affected Political Group Leaders on the proposed nominations.

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 SBSA calculations and the requirement for outside body appointments, the nominations proposed are recommended to full Council.

Supporting Documentation

1. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Appointments to Council, Outside Bodies and Partnerships

Appointments and Nominations 2026/27

Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority:

Note: Updated membership for the following bodies is indicated in ***bold italics***.

Investment Committee nominations

Labour Group (2 Members)	
1. Cllr Jacob Taylor	2. <i>Cllr David McGregor (from 1 October 2026)</i>

Transport Committee nominations

Labour Group (2 Members)
<i>1. Cllr Trevor Muten</i> <i>2. Cllr Tim Rowkins</i>

Overview & Scrutiny Committee nominations

Labour Group (2 Members)	Green Group (1 Member)
1. Cllr John Hewitt 2. Cllr Sam Parrott	<i>1. Cllr Ollie Sykes (from 1 October 2026)</i>

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	Appointments to Partnerships:		Term of Office	Allocations	Nominations 2026/27
3C	Community Safety Partnership Board (3)	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	2 Labour; 1 Conservative	Amanda Grimshaw Emma Daniel <i>Ivan Lyons</i> <i>(from 1 October 2026)</i>
5C	One Voice Partnership (3)	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	2 Labour;1 Conservative	Bella Sankey Mohammed Asaduzzaman <i>Emma Hogan</i> <i>(from 1 October 2026)</i>
3D	Downland Advisory Panel (5)	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	3 Labour;1 Green;1 Conservative	Tim Rowkins Theresa Fowler Mitchie Alexander Pete West <i>Carol Theobald</i> <i>(from 1 October 2026)</i>
	Appointments to Outside Bodies:		Term of Office	Allocations	Nominations 2026/27
6	Gorham's Gift ((3)	Trust managing parts of Telscombe Village left to the Council.	4 years	2 Labour;1 BHIG	Jacob Allen <i>Joy Robinson</i> <i>(from 1 October 2026)</i>

					Bridget Fishleigh
9	Sussex Police & Crime Panel (2)	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	1 Labour; 1 Conservative	Amanda Grimshaw <i>Emma Hogan (from 1 October 2026)</i>

