Brighton & Hove City Council

CABINET
ADDENDUM 1

10.30AM, THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2026

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Representation from Councillor McLeay on Item 91: Homes for everyone: homelessness and rough sleeping local delivery plan

Brighton & Hove City Council

Cabinet Agenda Item 84(a)

Subject: **Petitions**

Date of meeting: **Thursday, 12 November 2026**

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Ward(s) affected: **All**

1. Purpose of the report and policy context

1.1 To receive any petitions submitted directly to Democratic Services or any e-Petition submitted via the council's website.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Cabinet note the petition.

3. Context and background information

3.1 To receive the following petition signed by 17 people at the time of publication:

(1) Install a drinking-water station for people and dogs at Easthill Park in Portslade

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to install a free, accessible drinking-water station at Easthill Park in Portslade, suitable for both people and dogs. Easthill Park is a busy and valued community space used every day by local residents, families, children, walkers, runners and dog owners. However, visitors do not currently have reliable access to free drinking water within the park. This is particularly important during warmer weather, when people and animals can quickly become thirsty or dehydrated. Visitors may spend significant periods of time walking, exercising, playing or socialising in the park, yet they must bring their own water or leave the park to find refreshments. Although public toilets are listed at the park pavilion during specified opening hours, this does not provide visitors with a clearly available, dedicated source of drinking water throughout their visit. We therefore ask the council to: • install a robust, accessible drinking-water fountain or bottle

Easthill Park is at the heart of the local community. Every day it is enjoyed by families, children, walkers, runners, older residents and people exercising their dogs.Despite being such a well-used park, there is no clearly available free drinking-water point for people or dogs. Anyone visiting the park must remember to bring enough water with them or leave the park to find some. During hot weather, this can create a particular risk for children, older visitors, people exercising and dogs.

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Cabinet Agenda Item 84 (b)

Subject: Public Questions

Date of meeting: Thursday, 12 November 2026

A period of not more than thirty minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by a member of the public.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public:

1. **Daniel Harris: Item 92 Expanding Council Controlled Temporary Accommodation**

   The council consulted 31 Ten, the options are laid out in the paper. Where they have missed I feel is the opportunities for the council to work with the community for join community and council housing expansion plans, to help end the reliance on often expensive procured and leased properties for those in temporary accomodation? This will really help the community to drive new revenue and help the many many social centres going in the city.

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Cabinet Agenda Item 85

Subject: **Member Questions**

Date of meeting: **Thursday, 12 November 2026**

A maximum period of fifteen minutes in total shall be made available at each meeting of the Executive for questions from Members of the Council.

The questions included on the list of questions referred to above shall be taken as read at the Cabinet meeting. The question will be answered either orally or at the discretion of the Chair by a written answer circulated after the meeting. Officers may assist the Leader or a Cabinet Member with technical answers to questions. No supplementary questions shall be permitted.

The following written questions have been received from Members:

1. Councillor Meadows- Item 89 Managing the Transport Network

Following the results of the Carden Crescent Moving Traffic Enforcement consultation, can Cabinet confirm the timeline for implementation?

2. Councillor McNair- Item 89 Managing the Transport Network

Will Braybon Avenue, which has had serious accidents and is on a bus route, be considered as a Movement Traffic Enforcement location?

3. Councillor Meadows- Item 91 Homes for everyone: homelessness and rough sleeping local delivery plan

Why is no time limit given to Moving Duty to Refer referrals?

4. Councillor Meadows- Item 91 Homes for everyone: homelessness and rough sleeping local delivery plan

If the time limit is being extended beyond 56 days, how long will it be increased to? After 6 months we believe the council have a responsibility to house individuals who are homeless or likely to become homeless.

5. Councillor Meadows- Item 91 Homes for everyone: homelessness and rough sleeping local delivery plan

Given that there are so many exemptions, eg job centre and prisons, for applicants who have no connection to the city, how will temporary accommodation, which is an increasing and significant financial burden, be reduced?

6. Councillor Meadows- Item 92 Expanding Council Controlled Temporary Accommodation

Is the council still using social housing voids for temporary accommodation?

7. Councillor Meadows- Item 92 Expanding Council Controlled Temporary Accommodation

If so, when do the council anticipate returning these homes to those on the housing register?

8. Councillor Lyons- Item 93 Targeted Budget Management

Noting the in-year collection rates for 2026/27 as at period 6 are 50.56% for Council Tax, which is 0.88% below target, and 53.5% for Business Rates which is 6.98% below target, what measures are being put in place to improve this?

9. Councillor Lyons- Item 93 Targeted Budget Management

Corporate debt (appendix 3) appears to have risen substantially in each of the last 7 years. How much of this debt is budgeted to be received/written off? Please provide a document as to the measures taken to recoup this, both historically & moving forward.

10. Councillor McNair- Item 93 Targeted Budget Management

Given that the budget will need to be decided in February, which services are the council anticipating having to cut?

11. Councillor Strong- Item 89 Managing the Transport Network

I note the proposed policy on increased use of camera enforcement of moving traffic offences, including the first five locations. While the principle of this is supported, there appears to have been little engagement on the development of the policy which is presented as a final document. Can this section (set out in para 2.2) be paused, or brought to Place Overview & Scutiny, to allow discussion on detailed elements as there are a number of specific issues which would benefit from further refinement. These include:

- 2.2 Reference to improving “Road Safety” rather than “Road Danger reduction” (following previous council policy on this issue)
- 3.4 No apparent opportunity for members and local communities to suggest problem locations
- 3.6-3.7 No consultation is envisaged with local members once locations have been identified, just the general public consultation

12. Councillor Strong- Item 89 Managing the Transport Network

In paras 3.19 & 3.20 there is reference to the future implementation of Pavement Parking enforcement. How do you expect this application of process to develop locally? As above, what opportunities will there be for members and local communities to feed into the process eg with examples of locations where there are particular problems.

13. Councillor Barton Ahmad- Item 89 Managing the Transport Network

While I understand the push for cameras in the School Streets Scheme to make it more sustainable in the long term, it is posing an issue of fairness across the city and particularly in my ward. The huge costs of implementing these cameras have eaten up the School Streets budget. West Hove Infant and Junior School on Holland Road is in urgent need of the scheme, with parents concerned about their children's safety every day. In comparison Brunswick Primary on a parallel street, already benefits from the scheme and will now see even more money. I have also become concerned upon learning that the cameras were not turned off during half term, raising questions about their effectiveness. Why can't funds be allocated for rolling out the scheme more widely, and provisions made for the retention of volunteers at the existing sites before implementing cameras on streets already well serviced?

14. Councillor Lademacher- Item 91 Homes for everyone: homelessness and rough sleeping local delivery plan

Brighton and Hove has been reported as having one of the highest rates of homeless deaths per capita in the UK.Given the scale of this crisis, can the Cabinet Member explain what specific actions within the proposed Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Plan will be taken to reduce preventable deaths among people experiencing homelessness and rough sleeping, and will the Cabinet Member also commit to introducing a target to reduce homeless deaths?

15. Councillor Lademacher- Item 92 Expanding council controlled temporary accommodation

As recently reported by several news sources, including the BBC, the number of households living in temporary accommodation in Brighton and Hove is at an all time high. Given the significant impact that prolonged stays in temporary accommodation can have on children's education, mental health, and future income prospects, how will the Cabinet Member ensure that temporary accommodation is a genuine stepping stone towards a permanent home rather than a long-term housing solution by default? Furthermore, will the Cabinet Member commit to publishing annual figures showing how many households with children have spent more than 6 months, 12 months and 2 years in temporary accommodation?

16. Councillor Shanks- Item 90 School admissions 28/29

How many schools now come under our admission arrangements and how do we stop more schools leaving our arrangements as academies?

17. Councillor McLeay- Item 92 Expanding Council Controlled Temporary Accommodation

How does this 3-year programme interact with the separate interim scheme using empty council homes for temporary accommodation, and will it further delay permanent housing offers for residents on the Homemove register?

18. Councillor McLeay- Item 92 Expanding Council Controlled Temporary Accommodation

Will the 400 leased properties be sourced from existing Brighton & Hove private rentals (potentially driving up local rents) or through new-build/institutional partnerships?

19. Councillor McLeay- Item 92 Expanding Council Controlled Temporary Accommodation

With leased properties (the bulk of a "council-controlled" model), the council pays millions in rent over multi-year contracts but walks away with nothing when the lease expires. Buying properties builds permanent public wealth on the balance sheet. What assessment has been undertaken of the comparative long-term costs and benefits of leasing versus acquiring properties, and what are the projected financial implications for BHCC over the short, medium, and long term?

20. Councillor McLeay- Item 91 Homes for everyone: homelessness and rough sleeping local delivery plan

In light of concerns frequently raised by residents about anti-social behaviour, drug use, and safeguarding issues within some temporary and supported accommodation settings, what changes to assessment, allocation, and ongoing risk-management processes will be implemented under the new delivery plan to ensure that vulnerable residents are housed safely without negatively impacting other households living in the same accommodation block?

21. Councillor McLeay- Item 91 Homes for everyone: homelessness and rough sleeping local delivery plan

Given that a recent severe weather event was subject only to a yellow weather warning, but Eastbourne Borough Council nonetheless activated its Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP), will this administration review Brighton & Hove's SWEP activation criteria to ensure that vulnerable rough sleepers are not left without access to emergency shelter during periods of significant risk, given to the combined impact of the wind and rain?