

Council

Date: **11 July 2024**

Time: **4.30pm**

Venue: **Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall**

Members: **Councillors:** Asaduzzaman (Chair), Grimshaw (Deputy Chair), O'Quinn, Atkinson, Alexander, Allen, Bagaeen, Baghoth, Burden, Cattell, Czolak, Daniel, Davis, Earthey, Evans, Galvin, Fishleigh, Fowler, Gauge, Goddard, Goldsmith, Guilmant, Helliwell, Hewitt, Hill, Hogan, Loughran, Lyons, Mackey, McGregor, McLeay, McNair, Meadows, Miller, Muten, Nann, Oliveira, Pickett, Pumm, Robins, Robinson, Rowkins, Sankey, Shanks, Sheard, Simon, Taylor, C Theobald, Thomson, West, Wilkinson, Winder and Williams.

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AGENDA

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16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (a) Disclosable pecuniary interests;
- (b) Any other interests required to be registered under the local code;
- (c) Any other general interest as a result of which a decision on the matter might reasonably be regarded as affecting you or a partner more than a majority of other people or businesses in the ward/s affected by the decision.

In each case, you need to declare

- (i) the item on the agenda the interest relates to;
- (ii) the nature of the interest; and
- (iii) whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest or some other interest.

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17 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the last Council meeting held on the 16 May 2024.

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18 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

To receive communications from the Mayor.

19 LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements by the Leader and Portfolio Holders.

Council Procedure Rule 7.3

20 TO RECEIVE PETITIONS AND E-PETITIONS.

To receive any petitions to be presented to the Mayor by members of the public and/or Members as notified by the due date 27 June 2024 (10 working days).

21 WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

A list of public questions received by the due date of 10am on the 1 July 2024 will be circulated separately as part of an addendum for the meeting.

22 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

A list of deputations received by the due date of 10am on the 1 July 2024 will be circulated separately as part of an addendum for the meeting.

PETITIONS FOR DEBATE

Petitions to be debated at Council. Reports of the Executive Director for Governance, People & Resources.

- 23 PETITION FOR DEBATE - SAVE THE BABY ROOM AT BRIGHT START NURSERY**
- 24 PETITION FOR DEBATE - SUPPORT PRIVATE RENT CONTROLS AND MORE SOCIAL HOUSING AT LIVING RENTS**
- 25 PETITION FOR DEBATE - GOOD DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS: BUILDING HOMES WHICH MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES**
- 26 WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS.**

A list of the written questions submitted by Members has been included in the agenda papers. This will be repeated along with the written answers received and will be taken as read as part of an addendum circulated separately at the meeting.

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6.30 - 7.00PM REFRESHMENT BREAK

Note: A refreshment break is scheduled for 6.30pm although this may alter slightly depending on how the meeting is proceeding and the view of the Mayor.

27 ORAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS 7 - 10

A list of Councillors who have indicated their desire to ask an oral question at the meeting along with the subject matters has been listed in the agenda papers.

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NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion have been submitted by Members for consideration:

- 28 TACKLING SHORT TERM LETS 11 - 12**
- 29 WEED REMOVAL 13 - 14**
- 30 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Mayor will move a closure motion under Council Procedure Rule 14.4 to terminate the meeting 4 hours after the beginning of the meeting (excluding any breaks/adjournments).

Note:

- 1. The Mayor will put the motion to the vote and if it is carried will*

then:-

- (a) *Call on the Member who had moved the item under discussion to give their right of reply, before then putting the matter to the vote, taking into account the need to put any amendments that have been moved to the vote first;*
- (b) *Each remaining item on the agenda that has not been dealt with will then be taken in the order they appear on the agenda and put to the vote without debate.*

The Member responsible for moving each item will be given the opportunity by the Mayor to withdraw the item or to have it voted on. If there are any amendments that have been submitted, these will be taken and voted on first in the order that they were received.

- (c) *Following completion of the outstanding items, the Mayor will then close the meeting.*
2. *If the motion moved by the Mayor is **not carried** the meeting will continue in the normal way, with each item being moved and debated and voted on.*
 3. *Any Member will still have the opportunity to move a closure motion should they so wish. If such a motion is moved and seconded, then the same procedure as outlined above will be followed.*

Once all the remaining items have been dealt with the Mayor will close the meeting.

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Agenda Item 27

Subject: Oral questions from Councillors

A period of not more than 30 minutes is set aside for oral questions from Members, at the expiry of which, the mayor will call a halt and proceed to the next item of business of the agenda.

The following Members have indicated that they wish to put questions to the Leader, Cabinet portfolio holder, Chairs of Committees or Members of the Council that have been appointed to an outside body. The Councillor asking the question may then ask one relevant supplementary question which shall be put and answered without discussion:

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1. Councillor Davis

Subject Matter: A259

Reply from Cllr Trevor Muten – Cabinet Member, Transport, Parking and Public Realm

2. Councillor McNair

Subject Matter: Red routes

Reply from Cllr Trevor Muten – Cabinet Member, Transport, Parking and Public Realm

3. Councillor Fishleigh

Subject Matter: Consultation on proposed new bus lane on the A259 east of the aquarium

Reply from Cllr Trevor Muten – Cabinet Member, Transport, Parking and Public Realm

4. Councillor Allen

Subject Matter: Woodingdean Wanderers Football Club

Reply from Cllr Robins Cabinet Member – Sports & Recreation

5. Councillor Shanks

Subject Matter: Empty school buildings.

Reply from Cllr Daniel Cabinet Member – Children, Families, Youth Services and for Ending Violent against Women and Girls

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6. Councillor Lyons

Subject Matter: Cycle lanes

Reply from Cllr Trevor Muten – Cabinet Member, Transport, Parking and Public Realm

7. Councillor Earthey

Subject Matter: Residents opting out of the Glycophosphate weedkiller treatment.

Reply from Cllr Rowkins Cabinet Member – Net Zero & Environmental Services

8. Councillor Atkinson

Subject Matter: Air Quality - Wood Burners

Reply from Cllr Rowkins Cabinet Member – Net Zero & Environmental Services

9. Councillor Hill

Subject Matter: Removal of opposition representatives on the Health and Wellbeing Board

Reply from Cllr De Oliveira Chair of Health & Wellbeing Board

10. Councillor Theobald

Subject Matter: Madeira Terraces

Reply from Cllr Taylor - Cabinet Member, Finance and City Regeneration

11. Councillor West

Subject Matter: Madeira Drive road safety

Reply from Cllr Trevor Muten – Cabinet Member, Transport, Parking and Public Realm

12. Councillor Pickett

Subject Matter: Verges

Reply from Cllr Rowkins Cabinet Member – Net Zero & Environmental Services

13. Councillor McLeay

Subject Matter: Emergency Accommodation Management

Reply from Cllr Williams Cabinet Member – Housing and New Homes

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14. Councillor Goldsmith

Subject Matter: Governance

Reply from Cllr Sankey Leader of the Council

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Agenda Item 28

Subject: Tackling Short-Term Lets

Date of meeting: 11 July 2024

Proposer: Councillor McLeay

Seconder: Councillor Goldsmith

NOTICE OF MOTION

Green Group

This council notes:

- 1) The high cost of rent and low availability of housing in the city, which reflects a market in which power is unfairly weighted towards landlords;
- 2) The negative impact which the high number of unregulated short-term let properties are having on housing availability for the local community;
- 3) The previous Government's promise to provide Councils with the planning powers to regulate short-term lets, which did not materialise ahead of the dissolution of Parliament.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- 1) Request that a report from the Cabinet Member for Finance and City Regeneration be brought to an upcoming Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting, outlining what the Council can do to prepare for planning powers to control short term lets becoming available so an Article 4 Direction (A4D) can be implemented at the earliest opportunity. Suggested areas the report may cover include:
 - a. identifying suitable area(s) within the city that the A4D should apply to;
 - b. beginning to collate the evidence needed to show why the A4D is necessary for these areas, including the required public consultation;
 - c. outlining how the Council can effectively enforce the A4D, should people not seek the proper permission for short-term lets.
- 2) Request that the Leader of the Council write to the new Secretary of State for Local Government, calling on them to:
 - a. make these powers available to Councils at the earliest opportunity;
 - b. ensure that loopholes already-identified, such as the 12-month amnesty period, are closed to make sure the legislation can be truly effective.

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Agenda Item 29

Subject: Weed Removal

Date of meeting: 11 July 2024

Proposer: Cllr Alistair McNair
Seconded: Cllr Anne Meadows

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Conservative Group

This Council:

- 1) Acknowledges the use of glyphosate was agreed in February 2024;
- 2) Notes the high volume of complaints Councillors in north Brighton receive about lack of weed removal; the danger of not cutting verge sightlines; the hazard of broken pavements; the risk dogs are exposed to by seeds in long grass; the risk to hay fever sufferers; the unsightly state of the city;
- 3) Notes that mowing is inadequate and that insufficient resources have been allocated to this key election pledge;

This council therefore resolves to call for a report to Cabinet which considers options in relation to the following issues:

- 4) Regular grass-cutting and de-weeding of pavements, sightlines, verges and twittens;
- 5) Clear timelines for weed removal so residents know when their streets will be cleared;
- 6) Prioritizing residential areas where elderly live who are at risk of tripping over weeds and broken paving slabs;
- 7) The prioritisation of the elderly, the disabled, and hay fever sufferers ahead of an ineffective rewilding policy.

