

COUNCIL

4.30pm 30 JANUARY 2025

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

60 TO RECEIVE PETITIONS AND E-PETITIONS

That the petition(s) be noted.

- Light Touch Parking Permits for Rottingdean.
- Brighton and Hove Recycling.

63 CITY PLAN CONSULTATION

That the Petition be noted.

67 CHANGES TO CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

Contact Officer: *Nigel Manvell*
Ward Affected: *All Wards*

Tel: 01273 293104

- 1) That the report, recommendations and Minutes Extract of the Audit, Standards & General Purposes Committee held on 28 January 2025 be noted.
- 2) That full Council approved the proposed new Contract Standing Orders at Annex 1 with effect from 24th February 2025.
- 3) That full Council delegated authority to the Council's Monitoring Officer to amend the council's Constitution to incorporate the proposed Contract Standing Orders when the new Procurement Act 2023 comes into effect, and to make amendments to Appendix 1 of the new Contract Standing Orders as legislative, technical or organisational changes require.

68 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2025/26

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That Full Council adopts the pay policy statement for 2025/26 attached at Appendix 1.

69 BUDGET PROTOCOL

Contact Officer: Nigel Manvell

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Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the budget protocol outlined in Appendix 1 be approved for use at the Budget Council meeting on the 27 February 2025.
- 2) That the Legal Advice Note as set out at Appendix 2 be noted.

70 REVIEW OF SCHEME FOR MEMBER ALLOWANCES 2024-2028

Ward Affected: All Wards

That full Council

- 1) Noted the proposed review of the members allowances scheme to take place in March 2025;
- 2) Approved the appointment and re-appointment of IRP Panel members for a period of 3 years as set out at paragraph 3.7 – 3.8 of the report.

71a DEVOLUTION UPDATE

That full Council

- 1) Noted the report, recommendations and Minutes Extract of the Special Cabinet meeting held on 9 January 2025.

72 MAINTAINING QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL

Resolved to:

- 1) Prioritise children receiving the best education possible either within the Local Authority or as part of an academy chain or free school as it works

to develop its “family of schools” and all other policies relating to education.

- 2) Acknowledge the legal right of schools to enter into discussions with academy chains and urge that they do so with information that is fair and balanced on the benefits of the high quality offer that the local authority provides to help ensure our children do continue to receive quality education and parents do have choice.

73 SUPPORTING UNISON’S BRING IT BACK CAMPAIGN

Resolved to:

- 1) Continue fighting for the best funding deal for local government and residents in Brighton & Hove.
- 2) Ensure that staff are made aware of the opportunities open to them to join a Union
- 3) Welcome the recent increases in funding to local government, and the significant reduction in the budget gap faced by this authority for 2025/26.
- 4) Continue to make the case for sustainable long-term funding for local government in the upcoming spending review.
- 5) Welcome the reintroduction of public engagement in the budget setting process this year, including an online budget simulator, and to encourage further such activities in future budget years.

74 GRITTING & HIGHWAYS WINTER SERVICE PLAN

Resolved to:

- 1) Request the Administration to undertake its annual review of the city’s 400 grit bins, while looking at additional sites for some relocated grit bins and grit drops as requirements necessitate.
- 2) Thank officers for their prompt response as the council dealt with the sudden heavy snowfall across Brighton and Hove this month when heavy rainfall was forecast.
- 3) Thank members of the community who came out to help others as well as to clear snow and ice, such as farmers who rescued cars in Woodingdean, school communities who helped colleagues, and residents who helped assist their neighbours in a wonderful show of solidarity.

75 ROYAL SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Resolved to:

- 1) Request that the Leader of the Council write to the University Hospitals Sussex NHS Trust to request that :-

- a. A contingency plan is put in place for adding short-term capacity while redevelopment is in progress.
 - b. A detailed analysis is shared with the Council of the planning, specification and futureproofing of the new look A&E, with updated time scales for delivery.
- 2) Request officers to consider, alongside local NHS providers, how to reduce demand through enhanced signposting and redirection, as well as through increased take up of vaccinations against flu, covid and other respiratory diseases.