

CABINET

2.00pm 22 JANUARY 2026

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

102 YOUTH PARTICIPATION UPDATE

Ward Affected: All Wards

1) That Cabinet approves the Youth Council remodel proposals as below:

- The Youth Council to move to a Cabinet system of operation and to meet with relevant Cabinet members and senior officers as appropriate
- The Youth Council to present to Corporate Leadership Team biannually and to meet regularly with the Corporate Director for Families Children & Wellbeing.
- The Youth Council to present an update of its priorities and work to Full Council on an annual basis
- Officers to explore the Youth Council being located in council offices.

103 MORE RECYCLING, LESS WASTE - A NEW COLLECTION MODEL

Decision implemented at close of business on: 30 January 2026 unless called in

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) Cabinet agrees the actions set out in the report to explore and develop a proposal for a future model of delivery for waste collection services, in particular through modelling and independently assessing round structures.
- 2) Cabinet approves the use of a waste composition survey to assess how the current service is being used.

- 3) Cabinet approves the engagement with residents and staff as set out in the report to ensure a collaborative and evidence led approach to the redesign of the waste collection services.
- 4) Cabinet notes that a further report will be brought to Cabinet to assess the outcome of the waste composition survey, round analysis and engagement with residents and staff, and for a further decision to be made on the future model of the service based on this data.

104 2025/26 MID-YEAR COUNCIL PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

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Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) Cabinet notes the progress made in relation to delivering the Council Plan in 2025/26 as outlined in section 3 and with full details in appendix 1.
- 2) Cabinet approves the Risk Management Framework (appendix 2) and notes current strategic risks as detailed in appendix 1.

105 SUSSEX AND BRIGHTON DEVOLUTION AND MAYORAL ELECTION

Decision implemented at close of business on: 30 January 2026 unless called in

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That Cabinet notes the content of this report, including the assessment of the implications for Brighton & Hove City Council of creating a new Sussex and Brighton Combined County Authority with a delay to the election of a mayor.
- 2) That Cabinet confirms its approval in principle to consenting to devolution and delegates authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to undertake all steps necessary to provide consent on behalf of the Council to the Statutory Instrument that the Government proposes to lay before Parliament to create a new Sussex and Brighton Combined County Authority.
- 3) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to approve any technical amendments to the Statutory Instrument on behalf of the Council.
- 4) That Cabinet agrees the proposed local 2-year Memorandum of Understanding for financial contributions and liabilities in establishing the Sussex and Brighton Combined County Authority as set out in appendix 3.

106 COUNCIL TAX BASE AND BUSINESS RATES RETENTION FORECASTS 2026/27

Decision implemented at close of business on: 30 January 2026 unless called in

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Ward Affected: All Wards

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- 1) That Cabinet agrees the calculation of the council's tax base for the year 2026/27.
- 2) That Cabinet notes the collection rate assumed is 98.75%.
- 3) That Cabinet notes that no change to the Council Tax Reduction scheme is proposed for 2026/27 except that, in accordance with the policy agreed by full Council on 3 February 2022, earnings bands will be uplifted to reflect government changes to the National Living Wage as set out in paragraph 3.7.
- 4) That Cabinet agrees that in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amounts calculated by Brighton & Hove City Council as its council tax base for the year 2026/27 shall be as follows:-
 - i) Brighton and Hove in whole – 96,316.1 (detail in appendix 1).
 - ii) Royal Crescent Enclosure Committee – 29.7 (detail in appendix 2).
 - iii) Hanover Crescent Enclosure Committee – 41.1 (detail in appendix 2).
 - iv) Marine Square Enclosure Committee – 73.7 (detail in appendix 2).
 - v) Parish of Rottingdean – 1,775.2 (detail in appendix 2).
- 5) That Cabinet agrees that for the purposes of Section 35(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the expenses of meeting the special levies issued to the council by the Enclosure Committees shall be its special expenses.
- 6) That Cabinet agrees that the Enclosure Committees and Rottingdean Parish are paid the required Council Tax Reduction Grant of c£5,000 in total, to ensure they are no better or no worse off because of the introduction of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.15.
- 7) That Cabinet notes that the amount forecast to be received by the council in 2026/27 from its share of local Council Tax, including Adult Social Care precepts, is £210.010m based on latest available data.

- 8) That Cabinet delegates the agreement of the final business rates forecast and completion of the NNDR1 2026/27 form to the Section 151 Chief Financial Officer following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & City Regeneration and this will be reflected in the General Fund Budget report to Cabinet in February 2026.
- 9) That Cabinet notes that the amount forecast to be received by the council in 2026/27 from its share of local business rates and section 31 Local Government Act 2003 compensation grants is £58.442m, based on the provisional local government finance settlement.

107 CIRCULAR ECONOMY ROUTE MAP AND ACTION PLAN 2025-2035

Contact Officer: Sophie Moss
Ward Affected: All Wards

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- 1) That Cabinet approves the Circular Economy Routemap and Action Plan 2025-2035 as the strategic framework for embedding circular economy principles across the city and to inform council activity.
- 2) That Cabinet agrees to Brighton & Hove signing the Circular Cities Declaration to reinforce the city's role as a national and regional leader in circular innovation.

108 ORBIS SERVICES - FUTURE MODEL

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) Cabinet agrees to end the shared IT&D service arrangements with East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and Surrey County Council (SCC) under the Orbis Partnership.
- 2) Cabinet agrees to continue sharing core data centres with SCC subject to appropriate contractual agreements being in place.
- 3) Cabinet approves the additional recurring revenue budget of £457,000 to fund and establish a sovereign IT&D service for Brighton & Hove City Council.
- 4) Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Corporate Director, City Operations, in consultation with the relevant cabinet member, to take any action necessary or incidental to the implementation of the above including (but not limited to) agreeing the new structure for a Brighton & Hove City Council IT&D service, and entering into partnership or contractual agreements with ESCC and SCC regarding data centres.
- 5) Cabinet agrees to end the shared procurement service arrangements with ESCC and SCC under the Orbis Partnership.

- 6) Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Property and Finance, in consultation with the relevant cabinet member, to take any action necessary or incidental to the implementation of the above including (but not limited to) agreeing the new structure for a BHCC procurement service.
- 7) Cabinet notes that the future model of the Internal Audit service will move away from the current Orbis Partnership service and authorises the Director of Property and Finance to work on the development of a shared Internal Audit service with ESCC.
- 8) Cabinet notes that the other services within the Orbis Partnership will remain, including the centres of excellence for treasury management and insurance and claims handling.

109 URGENT WORK FOR INCOMING & LATERAL ELECTRICAL MAINS REPLACEMENT IN COUNCIL HOUSING

Exempt from Call-In

Contact Officer: Martin Reid *Tel: 01273 293321*

Ward Affected: Kemptown; Whitehawk & Marina

- 1) That the Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Homes and Adult Social Care, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Housing, to award contracts to carry out electrical work as described below with an estimated total contract value of £1.5m:-
- 2) To award a contract to GB Electrical essential works to rising and lateral electrical mains, and evacuation & refuge systems at Wiltshire House with a total contract value as set out in Part 2 of this report;
- 3) To award a contract to GB Electrical essential works to rising and lateral electrical mains, and evacuation & refuge systems at Hereford Court with a total contract value as set out in Part 2 of this report;
- 4) To award a contract to the best value for money returning contractor, essential works to rising and lateral electrical mains, and evacuation & refuge systems at Warwick Mount;
- 5) To award a contract to the best value for money returning contractor, essential works to rising and lateral electrical mains, communal power & emergency lighting, at Viscaria (Bristol Estate);
- 6) To award a contract to the best value for money returning contractor, essential works to rising and lateral electrical mains, communal power & emergency lighting, at Cherry (Bristol Estate); and

- 7) To award a contract to the best value for money returning contractor, essential works to rising and lateral electrical mains, communal power & emergency lighting at Allamanda (Bristol Estate).

110 HOUSING MANAGEMENT PROCUREMENT FOR BRICKFIELDS DEVELOPMENT

Decision implemented at close of business on: 30 January 2026 unless called in

Contact Officer: Anne Richardson-Locke Tel: 01273 290379

Ward Affected: Wish

- 1) Cabinet agrees to the principle of granting a 125-year lease to a Registered Provider for the Brickfields building, along with transfer of liability for the Homes England grant.
- 2) Cabinet delegates authority to the Corporate Director – Homes and Adult Social Care in consultation with the Director of Property and Finance and Cabinet Member for Communities, Equalities, Public Health & Adult Social Care to enter into a 125-year lease for the Brickfields building together with all necessary ancillary documentation with a Registered Provider subject to the following conditions:
 - The council's developments costs have been met; and
 - The council achieves the best consideration that can reasonably be obtained when generating the capital receipt for the property.

111 BIODIVERSITY HABITAT BANK PILOT AT ST MICHAELS FIELD

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Ward Affected: Patcham & Hollingbury

- 1) Cabinet agrees to register St Michael's Field as a Habitat Bank and enter the necessary legal agreement for the registration of the site.
- 2) Cabinet delegates authority to the Corporate Director for Finance & Property and the Corporate Director for City Operations for key decisions on registration and sale of biodiversity units and credits.