

Council

Date: **21 May 2026**

Time: **4.30pm**

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

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

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AGENDA

Part One

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1 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.

If unsure, Members should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services Officer preferably before the meeting.

2 MAYORAL REPORT 2025-26

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3 MAYOR'S THANKS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor will give thanks for her year in office and make presentations.

4 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026/27

The Mayor will seek nominations for the Mayor for the municipal year 2026/27.

It is proposed that the Council elects Councillor Fowler as Mayor for the municipal year 2026/27.

5 DECLARATION OF OFFICE, ACCEPTANCE SPEECH AND VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

The Mayor will make her formal declaration of acceptance of office and acceptance speech and will call on Councillor Sankey to move a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Grimshaw.

6 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR BRIGHTON AND HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026/27

The Mayor will seek nominations for the Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2026/27.

It is proposed that the Council elects Councillor Sheard as Deputy Mayor

for the municipal year 2026/27.

7 APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2026/27

The Mayor will seek nominations for the appointment of the Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2026/27.

It is proposed that the Council elects Councillor Sankey as Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2026/27.

8 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS 2026/27

The Mayor will move the following appointments:

- a) To approve the appointment of the Deputy Leader(s) of the Council
- b) To approve the appointment of the Leader of the Official Opposition
- c) To note the appointments of the following positions as agreed by the respective Groups represented on the Council as set out in the addendum (to follow)
 - (i) Leader of the Labour Group
 - (ii) Deputy Leader(s) of the Labour Group
 - (iii) Convenor of the Green Group
 - (iv) Deputy Convenor(s) of the Green Group
 - (v) Leader of the Conservative Group
 - (vi) Deputy Leader(s) of the Conservative Group
 - (vii) Leader of the Brighton & Hove Independent Group
 - (viii) Deputy Leader of the Brighton & Hove Independent Group

9 APPOINTMENT OF CABINET MEMBERS

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REPORTS FOR DECISION

10 REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, OUTSIDE BODIES AND PARTNERSHIPS 2026-27

To Follow

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Ward Affected: All Wards

11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor will move a closure motion under Procedure Rule 17 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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Brighton & Hove City Council

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Agenda Item 2

Subject: Mayoral Report 2025-26

Date of meeting: 21 May 2026

Report of: Chief Executive

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Ward(s) affected: All

For general release

1. Purpose of report and policy context

1.1 This report informs the Council of the activities of the Mayor of Brighton & Hove, Councillor Amanda Grimshaw BEM during the civic year 2025-26.

2. Recommendations:

2.1 That the report be noted.

3. Context and background information

3.1 The Mayor is the first citizen of Brighton and Hove and carries out a range of civic and ceremonial duties, representing the council across the city and around the region. The Mayor of Brighton and Hove is not directly elected, holds no direct power and is politically neutral during their term in office. The role is purely civic and ceremonial.

3.2 The Mayor appointed the Reverend David Hazell, Priest-in-Charge of St Helen's and St Richard's Church in Hangleton, which is located within her ward, to serve as her chaplain.

3.3 The Mayor supported the following charities during her Mayoral year: Allsorts Youth Protect, Brighton Women's Centre, Hove & Adur Sea Cadets and Rockinghorse Children's Charity.

3.4 The Mayor undertook 363 engagements and events during her term in office (for a breakdown please see appendix 1) with support from the Deputy Mayors Councillor Ty Galvin, and Councillor Theresa Fowler.

3.5 The Mayor undertakes many different duties, including chairing meetings of Full Council; representing the Council at public, civic, and ceremonial events both within and outside the city; acting as an ambassador for the city; and working with a wide range of local organisations.

3.6 Highlights of the Mayoral year included:

- Presenting Citizenship Ceremonies at Brighton Town Hall on behalf of the Lord-Lieutenant.
 - Hosting events and receptions in the Mayor's Parlour for charities, schoolchildren, guests, and dignitaries.
 - Hosting a Victory in Japan Day Service and a Harvest Festival Service at St Helen's Church, Hangleton, with her chaplain, Reverend David Hazell.
 - Leading the city in Remembrance services, as well as attending various events and receptions marking Remembrance.
 - Supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal across the city, which raised £56,000, including leading the Two Minute Silence at the Amex Stadium and supporting cadets selling poppies.
 - Hosting a reception in the Council Chamber to mark International Women's Day, honouring her close friend and mentor Baroness Joyce Gould of Potternewton.
 - Attending various events, receptions, and commemorations in support of the LGBTQI+ community, including World AIDS Day, walking in the Pride Parade, a Pride Community Foundation Round Table event, and Trans Pride.
 - Working with the Mayoral Charities to host a range of fundraising activities, including an Afternoon Tea in the Pavilion Gardens, a sponsored Sleep Out in Hove Park, the Santa Bus Appeal with Brighton & Hove Buses, the Mayor's Charities Dog Walk, and a sightseeing tour around the city.
 - Meeting children and young adults from across the city.
- 3.7 The Mayor hosted receptions, visits, and meetings in the Mayor's Parlour and Council Chamber for a wide range of groups and organisations, including the Rainbow Run Committee; Lunch Positive; various schools and youth organisations; students from Ashikita, Japan; the Pride Community Foundation; volunteers and staff from the Royal Sussex County Hospital; Pelican Parcels; and the Remembrance Committee, to honour the retirement of Lieutenant Commander David Alcock RD RNR as Parade Marshal.
- 3.8 The Mayor chaired the Remembrance Committee, comprising veterans, cadet leaders, serving members of the armed forces, volunteers, faith leaders, and colleagues from Brighton & Hove City Council, who organised 12 services across the city. The Mayor led the Act of Remembrance at the Brighton War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, which included a parade from Madeira Drive. The Mayor also attended a regimental dinner hosted by the University Hospitals Sussex Armed Forces Network, a service hosted by the Sussex Freemasons, and a service organised by the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women (AJEX) at a local synagogue.
- 3.9 The Mayor wishes to thank the Reverend David Hazell, Priest-in-Charge of St Helen's and St Richard's Church, Hangleton, for his guidance, support, and pastoral care throughout her mayoral year. She would also like to thank the wardens and parishioners of St Helen's and St Richard's for their warm welcome to the Mayor and Civic Office Team, and for their valuable assistance with the VJ Day and Harvest Festival Services.

- 3.10 The Mayor would like to thank her Consort, Candice Konig, for her constant support, kindness, and being a wonderful companion throughout the year.
- 3.11 The Mayor is grateful for the dedicated support of the Civic Office Team and officers across the organisation throughout the year. In particular, she extends her thanks to the Citizenship Team, the Outdoor Events Team, and the Equalities, Diversity & Inclusion Officer, Eric Page. She would also like to thank the Democratic Services team for their invaluable assistance in supporting and managing Council meetings.
- 3.12 The Mayor would like to thank the Deputy Mayors Councillor Ty Galvin and Councillor Theresa Fowler for their support in attending mayoral engagements.
- 3.13 The Mayor would like to thank the many organisations and local businesses for their generosity in supporting the Mayoral Charities Fund, as well as for their kind contributions to the events she hosted, including the provision of refreshments and decorations.

4. Analysis & consideration of alternative options

- 4.1 This is an annual report from the Mayor for information and there are no alternative options for consideration.

5. Community engagement and consultation

- 5.1 No further consultation has been required for this report.

6. Financial implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Name of finance officer consulted: Ishemupenyu Chagonda Date consulted (dd/mm/yy): 11/05/26

7. Legal implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Name of lawyer consulted: *Elizabeth Culbert* Date consulted (dd/mm/yy): 07/05/26

8. Risk implications

- 8.1 There are no risk implications arising from this report.

9. Equalities implications

- 9.1 There are none arising from this report.

10. Sustainability implications

- 10.1 There are none arising from this report.

11. CONCLUSION

11.1 That the information contained in the report be noted.

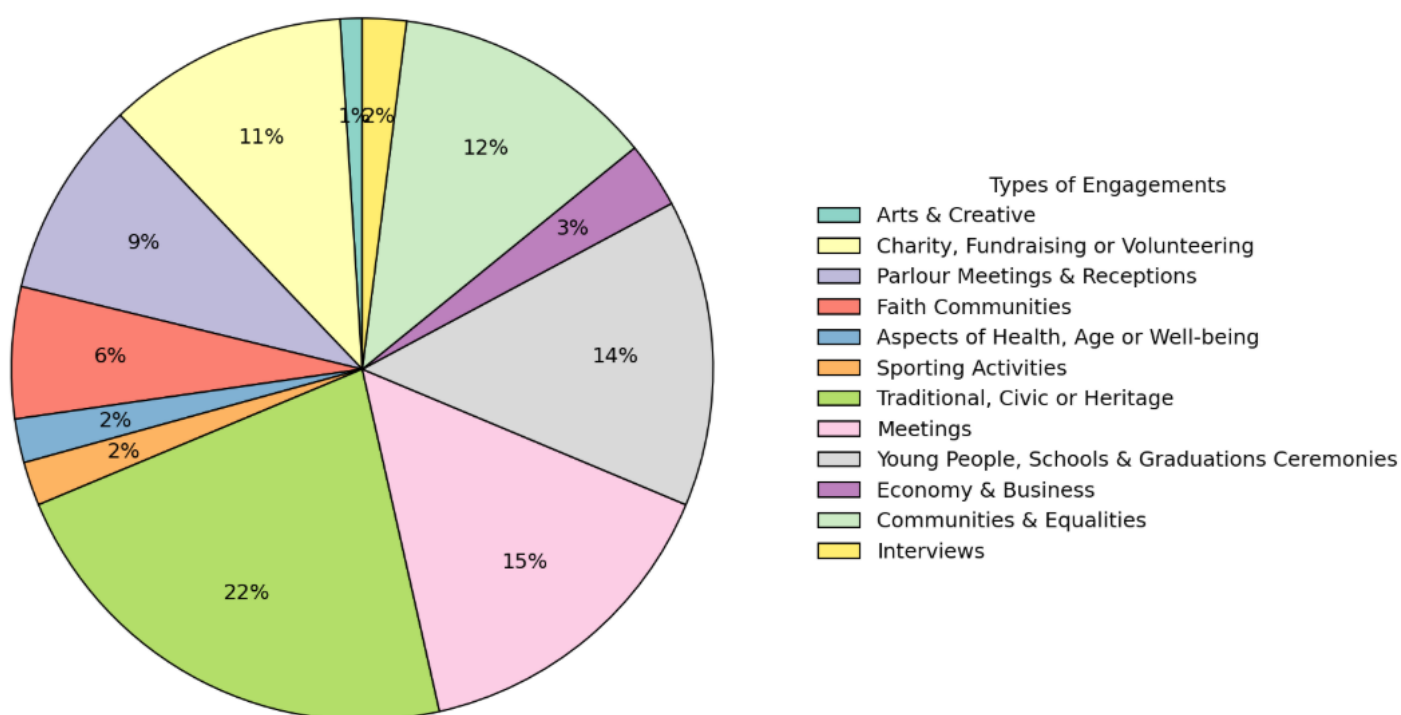
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Appendices

1. Types of Mayoral Engagements

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendix 1:



Appendices:

1. Type of Mayoral engagements

Types of Engagements:	Number of:	Percent of:
Arts & Creative	5	1
Charity, Fundraising or Volunteering	41	11
Parlour Meetings & Receptions	32	9
Faith Communities	23	6
Aspects of Health, Age or Well-being	7	2
Sporting Activities	6	2
Traditional, Civic or Heritage	80	22
Meetings	54	15
Young People, Schools & Graduations Ceremonies	51	14
Economy & Business	12	3
Communities & Equalities	45	12
Interviews	7	2

