

Council

Date: **23 June 2025**

Time: **4.30pm**

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

Members: **Councillors:** Grimshaw (Chair), Galvin (Deputy Chair), Asaduzzaman, Atkinson, Alexander, Allen, Bagaeen, Baghoth, Burden, Cattell, Czolak, Daniel, Davis, Earthey, Evans, Fishleigh, Fowler, Gauge, Goddard, Goldsmith, Guilmant, Helliwell, Hewitt, Hill, Hogan, Loughran, Lyons, Mackey, McGregor, McLeay, McNair, Meadows, Miller, Muten, Nann, Oliveira, O'Quinn, 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.

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- (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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2 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

To receive communications from the Mayor.

3 TO RECEIVE PETITIONS AND E-PETITIONS.

To receive any petitions relating to items of business on the agenda to be presented to the Mayor by members of the public and/or Members as notified by the due date of 12 Noon 17 June 2025, which will be circulated separately as part of an addendum for the meeting.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

4 LOCAL IMPACTS OF HMG GREEN PAPER - 'PATHWAYS TO WORK: REFORMING BENEFITS AND SUPPORT TO GET BRITAIN WORKING' 7 - 8

5 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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Agenda Item 4

Subject: Local impacts of HMG Green Paper - *'Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working'*

Date of meeting: 23 June 2025

Proposer: Councillor Sykes

Seconder: Councillor De Oliveira

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Green Group & Independent Member

This Council Notes:

1. Government proposals in the 18th March 'Pathways to Work' Green Paper plan a net reduction in welfare spending of £4.8 billion per year by 2029-30, by narrowing the eligibility criteria to Personal Independence Payments (PIP), and reducing health-condition related Universal Credit (UC-H). National and local impacts expected include:
 - 250,000 individuals driven into relative poverty, 700,000 families falling further below the poverty line and 30% of all families with a disabled member being worse off;
 - Increased rent arrears among council tenant households that include disabled people;
 - Increased pressure on social services as statutory responsibilities under the Care Act 2014 will remain but residents' ability to contribute to costs will reduce;
 - Increased use of food banks as 75% of food bank visits are from households with one or more Disabled members;
 - The loss of carers' allowance by those caring for people no longer eligible for PIP will mean many unpaid carers will not be able to continue.

This Council resolves to:

1. Request that the Council Leader writes to the Ministers concerned to:
 - ask for any changes to be paused until a full impact assessment can be undertaken;

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- ask whether the proposed cuts merely transfer costs from central government budgets to those of the NHS, local councils, and struggling local economies;
 - call for meaningful co-production with disabled people in shaping disability benefits policy
2. To request a report is submitted to Overview & Scrutiny (People) which assesses the impact these changes will have on disabled residents in our community.