

# **BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**4.30PM 11 DECEMBER 2014**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRIGHTON TOWN HALL**



## **AGENDA**



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# Council Meeting

Title:	<b>Council</b>
Date:	<b>11 December 2014</b>
Time:	<b>4.30pm</b>
Venue	<b>Council Chamber, Brighton Town Hall</b>
Members:	<b>All Councillors</b> You are summoned to attend a meeting of the BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL to transact the under-mentioned business.
	Prayers will be conducted in the Council Chamber at 4.20pm by Father John Wall
Contact:	<b>Mark Wall</b> Head of Democratic Services 01273 291006 mark.wall@brighton-hove.gov.uk

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### 41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (a) Disclosable of pecuniary interests not registered on the register of 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 committee lawyer or administrator preferably before the meeting.

### 42 MINUTES

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To approve as a correct record the minutes of the last Council meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 (copy attached).

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### 43 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

To receive communications from the Mayor.

### 44 TO RECEIVE PETITIONS AND E-PETITIONS.

Petitions will be presented by Members and/or members of the public to the Mayor at the meeting.

### 45 WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

A list of public questions received by the due date of 12noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 will be circulated separately as part of an addendum at the meeting.

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### 46 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

A list of deputations received by the due date of 12noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 will be circulated separately as part of an addendum at the meeting.

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### 47 TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR (A) THE MAYOR-ELECT AND (B) THE DEPUTY MAYOR-ELECT 39 - 40

Report of the Monitoring Officer (copy attached).

*Contact Officer: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis*  
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### 48 WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS. 41 - 42

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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### 49 ORAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS 43 - 44

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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### 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.

### 50 CALL OVER FOR REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Call over (items 51 - 54) will be read out at the meeting and Members invited to reserve the items for consideration.

(b) To receive or approve the reports and agree with their recommendations, with the exception of those which have been reserved for discussion.

(c) Oral questions from Councillors on the Committee reports, which have not been reserved for discussion.

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- 51 RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY PANEL ON HOMELESSNESS 45 - 102**
- Extract from the proceedings of the Housing Committee meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014, together with a report of the Executive Director for Environment, Development & Housing and the Scrutiny Review Panel's Report (copies attached).
- Contact Officer: Martin Reid Tel: 201273 93321*  
*Ward Affected: All Wards*
- 52 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION REVIEW 103 - 168**
- Extract from the proceedings of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (to be circulated), together with a report of the Executive Director for Finance & Resources (copy attached).
- Contact Officer: John Francis Tel: 29-1913*  
*Ward Affected: All Wards*
- 53 COUNCIL TAX EMPTY PROPERTY DISCOUNTS 2015/16 169 - 180**
- Extract from the proceedings of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (to be circulated), together with a report of the Executive Director for Finance & Resources (copy attached).
- Contact Officer: Paul Ross-Dale Tel: 29 - 1969*  
*Ward Affected: All Wards*
- 54 REVIEW OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS 181 - 192**
- Extract from the proceedings of the Audit & Standards Committee meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014, together with a Report of the Monitoring Officer (copies attached).
- Contact Officer: Oliver Dixon Tel: 29-1512*  
*Ward Affected: All Wards*
- 55 NOTICES OF MOTION. 193 - 200**
- The following Notices of Motion have been submitted by Members for consideration (copies attached):
- (a) HIV Diagnosis – Halve It** – Proposed by Councillor K. Norman.
  - (b) End Right to Buy and offer Help to Buy Preference to council tenants** - Proposed by Councillor Randall.
  - (c) Devolution** – Proposed by Councillor J. Kitcat.
  - (d) Apprenticeships** – Proposed by Councillor Wealls.

**56 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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For further details and general enquiries about this meeting contact Mark Wall, (01273 291006, email [mark.wall@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:mark.wall@brighton-hove.gov.uk)) or email [democratic.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk).

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