

Council 20 th July 2017	Agenda Item 25(a) Brighton & Hove City Council
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**NOTICE OF MOTION
LABOUR AND CO-OPERATIVE GROUP
VOTER REGISTRATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

This council:

Requests the Chief Executive explores working with the local universities and local colleges as applicable, in order to discuss the potential for the implementation of the “Sheffield model” voter registration approach for students in time for the September 2017 student intake.

Proposed by: Cllr Russell-Moyle

Seconded by: Cllr Yates

Supported by: Labour and cooperative group of councillors

Supporting information

There was a 16% increase in turnout among those aged 18 -24 in 2017 compared to 2015.

It is positive that younger people were more engaged with the democratic process in 2017.

However, there are still concerns about the rate of registering of younger people to vote, due to changes arising from individual electoral registration.

This means young people can still be disenfranchised compared to other age groups.

As part of Every Voice Matters tour, Minister for the Constitution Chris Skidmore MP has been working to engage young people across the country, and has praised the Sheffield model for increasing student registrations.

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/news/nr/voter-registration-chris-skidmore-1.665948>

