

Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 36

Subject: Family Based Policies

Date of meeting: 28 March 2024

Proposer: Councillor Nann

Seconder: Councillor Miller

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Labour Group Amendment

This Council:

1. Notes that the Administration has ~~chosen to close schools and reduce admission numbers at others due to the falling numbers of children and families in Brighton and Hove.~~ ***taken the necessary action to protect school numbers through reducing admissions numbers and closing two schools.***

2. Notes that there has been a 22% drop in children aged 0-4 living in the city between the 2011 and 2021 censuses.

3. Further notes that Brighton & Hove's population profile had fewer children & young people aged 0 to 19 (20.5%) compared to the South East (23.1%) and England (23.1%).

4. Believes ***Calls on the Government to assist the council*** ~~that there are many ways to attract families to Brighton and Hove including~~ ***through increasing funding, but not limited to enabling the council to facilitate:***

- Development of affordable family sized houses rather than flats
- Improving infrastructure, including NHS services and GPs, that is needed alongside new developments for both new and existing residents
- Improving leisure facilities and parks
 - ***An end to making councils compete for small pots of money***

This council therefore resolves to:

1. Request officers to bring a report to the next Childrens, Families & Schools Committee (or the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee should the new governance system be approved) outlining options for:-

(a) a holistic approach to city wide policies to make Brighton and Hove an attractive place for families and young people to live in;

(b) adding **keeping** families with children under the age of 18 **as part of a holistic strategy** ~~a separate and specific category to the list of different population groups in Equality Impact Assessments~~ to ensure that the impact of future policies on families are given serious consideration

Proposed by: Cllr Nann Seconded by: Cllr Miller

Recommendations to read if carried:

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