

Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 73

Subject: Supporting Unison's Bring It Back Campaign

Date of meeting: 30 January 2025

Proposer: Councillor Sykes

Seconder: Councillor Shanks

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Green Group

This council notes:

- 1) Unison's #Bringitback campaign which highlights that over 14 years the previous government took £110 million from Brighton & Hove City Council through austerity measures.
- 2) That local government services continue to be squeezed by rising costs and demand to the background of inadequate funding from central government.
- 3) Concerns raised by Unison about the impact of our Council's organisation redesign on staff morale and service provision.
- 4) Reports that the Government is considering further cuts than those already planned to public services in response to rising borrowing costs.
- 5) Concerns with the effects of the hiring freeze, overtime ban and temporary stop to using agency workers.

Therefore, resolves to:

- 1) Give its support as a Council to Unison's #Bringitback Campaign.
- 2) Ensure that staff are made aware of the opportunities open to them to join a Union
- 3) Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer Rachel Reeves to call for her to reverse cuts to local councils by the last government.
- 4) Request the Administration to bring a report to Cabinet to look at the effects of the recent staff redesign and the effects it has had on staff and service provision.
- 5) Request the Administration to consider additional methods for the involvement of the public in the 2025-2026 budget setting process.

Supporting Information:

[BRINGITBACK Campaign Launched — Brighton and Hove Unison](https://www.brightonandhoveunison.org.uk/news/bringitback-campaign-launched)
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[#BRINGITBACK Brighton & Hove Campaign — Brighton and Hove Unison](https://www.brightonandhoveunison.org.uk/bringitbackbrightonandhove)
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[Reeves mulls deeper cuts to public services as borrowing costs soar | Economics | The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/jan/09/rachel-reeves-cuts-public-services-borrowing-costs-tax)
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[Keir Starmer says Treasury will be ruthless on public spending cuts | Public finance | The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com/society/2025/jan/13/keir-starmer-says-treasury-will-be-ruthless-on-public-spending-cuts)
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