

## Council

## Agenda Item 6

**Subject:** School Admissions Arrangement 2026/27

**Date of meeting:** 27 February 2025

**Proposer:** Councillor Earthey  
**Seconded:** Councillor Fishleigh

**Ward(s) affected:** All

### Brighton and Hove Independent Group Amendment

To amend the recommendations set out in Paragraph 2 of the report that deletions are made as shown with ~~strike through~~ below and additional text are added as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

#### 2. Recommendations:

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