

# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 11

**Subject:** Review of the Member Allowances Scheme 2025

**Date of meeting:** 22 May 2025

**Proposer:** Councillor Bella Sankey

**Seconder:** Councillor Alan Robins

**Ward(s) affected:** All

### Labour Group Amendment

That deletions are made as shown with ~~strikethrough~~ below and additional recommendations are added as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

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**Recommendations to read if carried:**

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