

# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 28

**Subject:** Looking after our heritage

**Date of meeting:** 10 July 2025

**Proposer:** Councillor Sykes

**Seconder:** Councillor Hill

**Ward(s) affected:** All

### Notice of Motion

#### Green Group Amendment

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

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- 4-5)-Tourists and residents note the poor state of the city's heritage which Brighton & Hove City Council is responsible for: the art deco bus shelters in Old Steine complete with smashed windows and graffiti; the shocking state of disrepair of the seafront shelters; ***City Downland Estate assets including the long neglected Long Barn at Stanmer***
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**Supporting Information:**

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/24724533.18-sites-brighton-historic-england-heritage-risk-register/>

**Recommendations to read if carried:**

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