

# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Cabinet

## Agenda Item 52

**Subject:** Devolution for Sussex & Brighton

**Date of meeting:** 16 October 2025

**Report of:** Director of Governance and Law

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

**For general release**

### **1. Action Required of Council:**

1.1 That the Minutes Extract of the Council meeting held on 13 October 2025 be noted.

## BRIGHTON &amp; HOVE CITY COUNCIL

## COUNCIL

4.30pm 13 OCTOBER 2025

## COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

## MINUTES

**Present:** Councillors Grimshaw (Chair), Asaduzzaman, Atkinson, Alexander, Allen, Bagaeen, Cattell, Daniel, Davis, Earthey, Evans, Fishleigh, Fowler, Goddard, Goldsmith, Guilmant, Helliwell, Hewitt, Hill, Hogan, Lademacher, Loughran, Lyons, Mackey, McGregor, McLeay, McNair, Meadows, Miller, Muten, Nann, Oliveira, O'Quinn, Parrott, Pickett, Robins, Robinson, Rowkins, Sankey, Shanks, Sheard, Sykes, Taylor, C Theobald, Thomson, Wilkinson, Winder and Williams

PART ONE**44 DEVOLUTION FOR SUSSEX & BRIGHTON**

- 44.1 Councillor Hewitt introduced and formally moved the report concerning Devolution for Sussex & Brighton.
- 44.2 Councillors Sykes, De Oliveira, Hogan, Hill, Daniel and Pickett spoke in the general debate on the matter.
- 44.3 Councillor Hewitt responded to the debate.
- 44.4 Councillors called for a recorded vote on the recommendations which was put to the vote and carried.
- 44.5 The Mayor put the recommendations as detailed in the report to the vote:

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Alexander	X			2	Mackey	X		
2	Allen	X			2	McGregor	X		
3	Asaduzzaman	X			3	McLeay		X	
4	Atkinson	Not Present			3	McNair			X
5	Bagaeen	Not Present			3	Meadows			X
6	Baghoth	Not Present			3	Miller	Not Present		
7	Cattell	X			3	Muten	X		

8	Czolak	Not Present			3	Nann	X		
9	Daniel	X			3	O'Quinn	X		
1	Davis		X		3	Parrott	X		
1	De Oliveira		X		3	Pickett		X	
1	Earthey	X			3	Robins	X		
1	Evans	X			4	Robinson	X		
1	Fishleigh	X			4	Rowkins	X		
1	Fowler	X			4	Sankey	X		
1	Galvin	Not Present			4	Shanks		X	
1	Gauge	Not Present			4	Sheard	X		
1	Goddard	Not Present			4	Simon	Not Present		
1	Goldsmith		X		4	Sykes		X	
2	Guilmant	X			4	Taylor	X		
2	Helliwell	X			4	Theobald			X
2	Hewitt	X			4	Thomson	X		
2	Hill		X		5	West	Not Present		
2	Hogan			X	5	Wilkinson	X		
2	Lademacher		X		5	Williams	X		
2	Loughran	X			5	Winder	X		
2	Lyons			X	5	Grimsha w	X		
						<b>Total</b>	30	9	5

44.6 The Mayor confirmed that the recommendations had been carried by a vote of 30 in favour, 9 against, with 5 abstentions

### RESOLVED:

That Council endorse the recommendations set out in the Cabinet report attached.

1.1 That Cabinet notes the content of this report including the effect of the Statutory Instrument and the assessment of the implications for Brighton & Hove City Council of creating a new Mayoral Combined County Authority for Sussex & Brighton.

1.2 That Cabinet confirms its approval in principle to consenting to devolution and delegates authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to

undertake all steps necessary to provide consent on behalf of the Council to the Statutory Instrument that the Government proposes to lay before Parliament to create a new Mayoral Combined County Authority in the Sussex and Brighton region.

- 1.3 That Cabinet approves the procurement of the mayoral booklet services outlined in 6.13 of the report and grants delegated authority to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Director Governance and Law to:
- i. Take all steps necessary or incidental to undertake the procurement process;
  - ii. Award the framework agreement and any respective call-off contracts and take all steps necessary or incidental to recover the costs incurred from the MCCA.

## **54 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting concluded at 11.34pm