

Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 78

Subject: School Admission Arrangements 2027-28

Date of meeting: 29 January 2026

Proposer: Councillor Goldsmith
Seconder: Councillor McLeay

Ward(s) affected: All

Green 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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