

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL**

**3.30pm 18 DECEMBER 2025**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Grimshaw (Chair), Asaduzzaman, Atkinson, Alexander, Allen, Bagaeen, Czolak, Daniel, Earthey, Fishleigh, Fowler, Galvin, Goddard, Helliwell, Hewitt, Lademacher, Mackey, McGregor, McLeay, Miller, Muten, Nann, Oliveira, Parrott, Pickett, Robins, Robinson, Rowkins, Sankey, Shanks, Sheard, Simon, Sykes, Taylor, Thomson and West

**PART ONE**

**1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1.1 There were no declarations of interests made in matters appearing on the agenda.

**2 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

2.1 There were no Mayor's communications.

**3 HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE CITY**

3.1 The Mayor advised that this item of business related to the proposal to consider admitting Emily Kenward and Mesfin Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis to be Honorary Freewoman and Freeman of the City of Brighton & Hove respectively.

3.2 Councillor Sankey, Leader of the Council, formally moved the motion to admit Emily Kenward as an Honorary Freewoman of the City, in recognition and appreciation of her outstanding and lasting contribution to the life of the city through founding the befriending charity Time to Talk Befriending. The motion was seconded by Councillor Czolak.

3.4 Councillors Czolak and Lademacher spoke on the matter.

3.5 Councillor Sankey, Leader of the Council, formally moved the motion to admit Mesfin Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis as an Honorary Freeman of the City, in recognition and appreciation of his 37 years of service to the Council, during which he championed race equality, demonstrated outstanding public service, and passionately supported and promoted local democracy. The motion was seconded by Councillor Robins.

3.6 Councillors Robins and Shanks spoke on the matter.

3.7 The Mayor put the recommendations as set out in the report to the vote.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) That Emily Kenward be appointed an Honorary Freewoman of the City of Brighton and Hove.
- 2) That Mesfin Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis be appointed an Honorary Freeman of the City of Brighton and Hove.

**4 CLOSE OF MEETING**

4.1 The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 4.04pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2025