

# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 10**

**Subject: Review of Political Balance 2026/27**

**Date of meeting: 21 May 2026**

**Ward(s) affected: All**

## **Green Group Amendment**

That the relevant changes are made to the following paragraphs and appendices as shown below in ~~strike through~~ and ***bold italics***:

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- 2.9 That Council appoints/reappoints Members/representatives to various bodies as listed in Appendix 3 of the report.
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- 2.11 That the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer be authorised to take all steps necessary or incidental to the implementation of the recommendations in this report and that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend and republish the Council’s constitutional documents to incorporate the changes.

**Paragraph 2 to read as follows if carried:**

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NB: Should the amendment be agreed, the following Members be appointed as Chairs of the respective Overview & Scrutiny Committees:

- **Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee** – Cllr Bruno De Oliveira (Chair)
- **People Overview & Scrutiny Committee** – Cllr Sue Shanks (Chair)
- **Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee** – Cllr Ollie Sykes (Chair)

