

Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 31

Subject: Net Zero & Climate Adaptation in Brighton & Hove

Date of meeting: 23 July 2026

Proposer: Councillor Hill

Seconded: Councillor Sykes

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Green Group Amendment

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- 5) The work done to date on climate adaptation, including the Climate Risk & Vulnerability Assessment and the Climate and Nature Action Plan.
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Recommendations to read if carried:

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