



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# **COUNCIL ADDENDUM 2 - Amendments**

**4.30PM, THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2024**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**



## **ADDENDUM**

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# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 80**

**Subject: Petition for debate: School and College Based Counselling  
Across Brighton and Hove**

**Date of meeting: 1 February 2024**

**Proposer:** Councillor Andrei Czolak  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Jacob Taylor

**Ward(s) affected: All**

## **Notice of Motion**

### **Labour Group Amendment**

That deletions are made as shown with ~~strikethrough~~ below and additional recommendations are added as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the next ***Strategy, Finance and City Regeneration*** ~~Children Families and Schools~~ Committee for consideration.

Proposed by: Cllr Andrei Czolak

Seconded by: Cllr Jacob Taylor

#### **Recommendations to read if carried:**

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the next Strategy, Finance and City Regeneration Committee for consideration.



# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 84**

**Date of meeting: 1 February 2024**

**Ward(s) affected: All**

## **OFFICER AMENDMENT**

### **BUDGET PROTOCOL**

To amend paragraphs 1.3 (ii) and 1.3 (iii) in the Budget Protocol - Appendix 1 as shown below to correct the timelines proposed by officers to accurately reflect the proposals put to the Leaders of the Groups:

- (ii) All proposed amendments must have been received by finance officers no later than ~~10~~ **7** working days before Budget Council (i.e. ~~by 12 noon on Thursday 8 February 2024~~ **by 12 noon on Tuesday 13 February 2024**).
- (iii) All amendments will have had to have been assessed and evaluated by finance officers and the relevant Executive Director no later than ~~12 noon~~ **5** ~~4~~ working days before Budget Council. (i.e. ~~by 12 noon Thursday 15 February 2024~~ **by close of play Friday 16 February 2024**).

To read as follows:

- (ii) All proposed amendments must have been received by finance officers no later than **7** working days before Budget Council (i.e. **by 12 noon on Tuesday 13 February 2024**).
- (iii) All amendments will have had to have been assessed and evaluated by finance officers and the relevant Executive Director no later than **4** working days before Budget Council. (i.e. **by close of play Friday 16 February 2024**).





# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 87**

**Subject:** Support for Political Groups

**Date of meeting:** 1 February 2024

**Proposer:** Councillor Allen

**Seconder:** Councillor Guilmant

**Ward(s) affected:** All

## Notice of Motion

### Labour Group Amendment

That deletions are made as shown with ~~striketthrough~~ below and additional recommendations are added as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

This Council:

1. Notes its current financial difficulties and ~~sacrifices that are having to be made.~~ ***strategic budgetary management the Administration have embarked on since May 2023.***
2. Notes that the cost of support for the three largest political groups from April 1st 2024 will be £194,900, spread evenly across the three Groups.
3. Notes that the Local Government and Housing Act requires the largest political groups to be offered equal support if the membership of the group consists of at least 10% of the membership of the authority, ***in Brighton and Hove's case 6 Councillors in a group.***
4. Notes that Councillors ~~are able to organise their own meetings, write their own speeches and develop their own opinions on city-wide issues using their manifestos as a base~~ ***may require training and support from Democratic Services on internal protocol and procedures.***
5. Notes that if the groups wish to maintain the current levels of support then they could directly fund roles to be employed by political parties ***political groups can explore alternative approaches to maintain the level of organisational support currently undertaken.***
6. Notes that any changes which may have an impact on staffing are required to follow the Council's policies, including the Council's Organisation Change Management Framework.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

1. Request officers to consider including within the budget proposals the £194,900 savings that could be achieved through the cessation of BHCC financial support to political groups from April 1 2024 ~~with budget reallocated to frontline services.~~
2. ***Express its thanks and gratitude to staff past and present who have aided in commission of civic duties within our city.***

**Recommendations to read if carried:**

This Council:

1. Notes its current financial difficulties and strategic budgetary management the Administration have embarked on since May 2023.
2. Notes that the cost of support for the three largest political groups from April 1st 2024 will be £194,900, spread evenly across the three Groups.
3. Notes that the Local Government and Housing Act requires the largest political groups to be offered equal support if the membership of the group consists of at least 10% of the membership of the authority, in Brighton and Hove's case 6 Councillors in a group.
4. Notes that Councillors may require training and support from Democratic Services on internal protocol and procedures.
5. Notes that political groups can explore alternative approaches to maintain the level of organisational support currently undertaken.
6. Notes that any changes which may have an impact on staffing are required to follow the Council's policies, including the Council's Organisation Change Management Framework.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

1. Request officers to consider including within the budget proposals the £194,900 savings that could be achieved through the cessation of BHCC financial support to political groups from April 1 2024.
2. Express its thanks and gratitude to staff past and present who have aided in commission of civic duties within our city.

# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 87

**Subject:** Support for Political Groups

**Date of meeting:** 1 February 2024

**Proposer:** Councillor Alistair McNair  
**Seconder:** Councillor Anne Meadows

**Ward(s) affected:** All

### Notice of Motion

#### Conservative Group Amendment

That deletions are made as shown with ~~strike through~~ below and additional recommendations are added as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

This Council:

- ~~1. Notes its current financial difficulties and the sacrifices that are having to be made.~~
- ~~2.~~ 1. Notes that the Local Government and Housing Act requires the 3 largest political groups to be offered equal support if the membership of the group consists of at least 10% of the membership of the authority.
- ~~3.~~ 2. Notes that the cost of support for the three largest political groups from April 1st 2024 will be £194,900, spread evenly across the three Groups, **and that this is an essential part of the democratic process all councillors need, particularly new ones, for their voice to be heard.**
- ~~4. Notes that Councillors are able to organise their own meetings, write their own speeches and develop their own opinions on city-wide issues using their manifestos as a base.~~
3. **Notes that Chairs and Deputies Special Responsibility Allowances amount to almost £175k spread among the Administration's politicians.**
4. **Notes that as Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees have Officer support in a way which is not available to the opposition, and have their speeches written for them.**
- ~~5. Notes that if the groups wish to maintain the current levels of support then they could directly fund roles to be employed by political parties.~~
- ~~6. Notes that any changes which may have an impact on staffing are required to follow the Council's policies, including the Council's Organisation Change Management Framework.~~

Therefore, Council resolves to:

1. Request officers to **do not** consider including within the budget proposals the £194,900 savings **from staff** ~~that could be achieved through the cessation of BHCC financial support to political groups from April 1 2024, with budget reallocated to frontline services~~
2. **Instead consider including within the budget proposals the almost £175,000 savings that could be achieved through the cessation of Special responsibility allowances to Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees from 1 April 2024, with budget allocated to frontline services.**

**Recommendations to read if carried:**

This Council:

1. Notes that the Local Government and Housing Act requires the 3 largest political groups to be offered equal support if the membership of the group consists of at least 10% of the membership of the authority.
2. Notes that the cost of support for the three largest political groups from April 1st 2024 will be £194,900, spread evenly across the three Groups, and that this is an essential part of the democratic process all councillors need, particularly new ones, for their voice to be heard.
3. Notes that Chairs and Deputies Special Responsibility Allowances amount to almost £175k spread among the Administration's politicians.
4. Notes that as Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees have Officer support in a way which is not available to the opposition, and have their speeches written for them.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

1. Request officers do not consider including within the budget proposals the £194,900 savings from staff-
2. Instead consider including within the budget proposals the almost £175,000 savings that could be achieved through the cessation of Special responsibility allowances to Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees from 1 April 2024, with budget allocated to frontline services.

# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 87**

**Subject: Support for Political Groups**

**Date of meeting: 1 February 2024**

**Proposer: Councillor Mark Earthey**

**Seconder: Councillor Bridget Fishleigh**

**Ward(s) affected: All**

## **GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**

This Council:

1. Notes its current financial difficulties and the sacrifices that are having to be made ***and thanks all council officers for their dedication to the continuation of public services they and others rely on.***
2. Notes that the cost of support for the three largest political groups from April 1st 2024 will be £194,900, spread evenly across the three Groups.
3. Notes that the Local Government and Housing Act requires the 3 largest political groups to be offered equal support if the membership of the group consists of at least 10% of the membership of the authority.
4. Notes that Councillors are able to organise their own meetings, write their own speeches and develop their own opinions on city-wide issues using their manifestos as a base.
- ~~5. Notes that ***local government officers are granted access to information and governed by different rules than people employed by political parties, and work in public service as council officers;*** if the groups wish to maintain the current levels of support then they could directly fund roles to be employed by political parties.~~
6. Notes that any changes which may have an impact on staffing are required to follow the Council's policies, including the Council's Organisation Change Management Framework.
7. ***Notes the extra strain these potential cuts will place on the remaining staff within Democratic Services.***

Therefore, Council resolves to:

# Brighton & Hove City Council

1. Request officers to consider including within the budget proposals the **£194,900** savings that could be achieved through ~~the cessation of changes agreed cross party to~~ BHCC financial support to political groups from April 1 2024, with budget reallocated to frontline services.

Proposed by: Cllr Davis

Seconder: Cllr Hill

Recommendations to read if carried:

This Council:

1. Notes its current financial difficulties and the sacrifices that are having to be made and thanks all council officers for their dedication to the continuation of public services they and others rely on.
2. Notes that the cost of support for the three largest political groups from April 1st 2024 will be £194,900, spread evenly across the three Groups.
3. Notes that the Local Government and Housing Act requires the 3 largest political groups to be offered equal support if the membership of the group consists of at least 10% of the membership of the authority.
4. Notes that Councillors are able to organise their own meetings, write their own speeches and develop their own opinions on city-wide issues using their manifestos as a base.
5. Notes that local government officers are granted access to information and governed by different rules than people employed by political parties, and work in public service as council officers.
6. Notes that any changes which may have an impact on staffing are required to follow the Council's policies, including the Council's Organisation Change Management Framework.
7. Notes the extra strain these potential cuts will place on the remaining staff within Democratic Services.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

1. Request officers to consider including within the budget proposals the savings that could be achieved through changes agreed cross party to BHCC financial support to political groups from April 1 2024, with budget reallocated to frontline services.

# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 88**

**Subject:** Protecting provision for children and young people

**Proposer:** Councillor Shanks  
**Seconder:** Councillor Goldsmith

## **Green Group AMENDMENT**

### **This council notes:**

- 1) The crucial role child and youth provision, including by the community and voluntary sector, plays in the physical, mental, and social development of young people in Brighton & Hove
- 2) The impact of school and nursery closures in the context of a nationwide crisis in early years, which has caused concern among local authorities about the ability to deliver the extension of the Government's 30 hours free childcare scheme
- 3) The fragile state of funding for youth services, and in national funding for children's social care, impacting on the life chances of young people, care leavers, and those needing extra support from 0-25

### **Therefore, resolves to:**

- 1) Request a report to the Children, Families, and Schools Committee detailing:
  - a. our support for the work of CVS organisations in the city, how we can look to protect these services, champion their values, and;
  - b. how this council can work more closely with young people, children and families, in particular to guarantee a minimum consultation period of two months ahead of any future proposals to close or move any early years childcare, schools, or child and youth provision;
  - c. how our communications can more effectively reach all children and young people, and how their voices can be heard when budget cuts affecting their services are being considered;
  - d. how we can work with educators to establish a clear framework for deciding which schools or nurseries should close, if more closures are considered in future.
- 2) ***Request officers to consider including within the budget proposals no cuts to youth services, and the addition of provision for care of babies under 2 at the Tarner Hub to cover the loss of Bright Start nursery***

**Supporting Information:**

[Nine in 10 councils concerned about nursery capacity ahead of 30 hours free childcare extension – new LGA research | Local Government Association](#)



# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 88**

**Subject:** Provision for children and young people

**Date of meeting:** 1 February 2024

**Proposer:** Councillor Jacqui Simon

**Seconder:** Councillor Maureen Winder

**Ward(s) affected:** All

## **Notice of Motion**

### **Labour Group Amendment**

That deletions are made as shown with ~~strike through~~ below and additional recommendations are added as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

#### **This council notes:**

- 1) The crucial role child and youth provision, including by the community and voluntary sector, plays in the physical, mental, and social development of young people in Brighton & Hove
- 2) The impact of ~~school and~~ nursery closures in the context of a nationwide crisis in early years, which has caused concern among local authorities about the ability to deliver the extension of the Government's 30 hours free childcare scheme
- 3) The fragile state of ***central government*** funding for youth services, and in national funding for children's social care, impacting on the life chances of young people, care leavers, and those needing extra support from 0-25
- 4) ***the success and hardwork of the council's Family Hubs in supporting children, young people and families across the city***

#### **Therefore, resolves to:**

- 1) Request a report to the Children, Families, and Schools Committee detailing:
  - a. ~~our support for the work of~~ ***the full list of*** CVS organisations in the city ***in receipt of council funding, so the administration can consider how best to*** ~~we can look to protect these services~~ ***commission them to deliver the policies and priorities of the council plan*** ~~champion their values, and;~~
  - b. how this council can work more closely with young people, children and families, in particular to ***review*** ~~guarantee a~~ ***the current***

minimum consultation period of **six weeks** ahead of any future **on** proposals to close or move any early years childcare, schools, or child and youth provision;

- e. how our communications can more effectively reach all children and young people **to ensure minimal impact to their education and wellbeing during periods of change**, and how their voices can be heard when budget cuts affecting their services are being considered;
- d. **sets out the principles the administration adopted** how we can work with educators to establish a clear framework **for deciding which schools or nurseries should close, and how this would be applied** in a way that is **if more closures are considered in future.**

### Recommendations to read if carried:

This council notes:

- 1) The crucial role child and youth provision, including by the community and voluntary sector, plays in the physical, mental, and social development of young people in Brighton & Hove
- 2) The impact of school and nursery closures in the context of a nationwide crisis in early years, which has caused concern among local authorities about the ability to deliver the extension of the Government's 30 hours free childcare scheme
- 3) The fragile state of central government funding for youth services, and in national funding for children's social care, impacting on the life chances of young people, care leavers, and those needing extra support from 0-25
- 4) the success and hardwork of the council's Family Hubs in supporting children, young people and families across the city

### Therefore, resolves to:

- 1) Request a report to the Children, Families, and Schools Committee detailing:
  - a. the full list of CVS organisations in the city in receipt of council funding, so the administration can consider how best to commission them to deliver the policies and priorities of the council plan
  - b. how this council can work more closely with young people, children and families, in particular to review the current minimum consultation period of six weeks on proposals to close or move any early years childcare, schools, or child and youth provision;

- c. how our communications can more effectively reach all children and young people to ensure minimal impact to their education and wellbeing during periods of change
- d. sets out the principles the administration adopted for deciding which schools should close, and how this would be applied if more closures are considered in future.



# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 89**

**Subject: Affordable Housing**

**Date of meeting: 1 February 2024**

**Proposer: Councillor McLeay**

**Seconder: Councillor Hill**

**Ward(s) affected: All**

## **Green Group amendment**

This council notes:

- 1) The Council has not been achieving its Affordable Housing supply target in recent years and there can be resistance from some developers to the implementation of the Affordable Housing policy.
- 2) The proposed publication of new guidance in the form of an Affordable Housing Practice Note (AHPN) which is intended to inform and guide applicants, developers, Homes England, Registered Providers and BHCC's Development Management & Housing teams, of the steps that must be taken by all parties on the implementation of these policies and targets.
- 3) A significant proportion of sites coming forward for housing are for small sites where implementing the Council's affordable housing requirements is challenging.
- 4) ***That over the past four years the council became the largest provider of affordable rented housing in the city achieving 430 additional council homes compared to 193 homes from registered providers (between 1.4.19 and 1.4.23) and is well placed to continue this achievement since the current administration inherit a 5-year pipeline with potential to deliver over 1,000 homes and pledged in pre-election literature to provide 800 additional council homes.***
- 5) ***That the quickest way to add additional council homes is by buying homes and buildings (achieving over 424 additional council homes averaging 71 units a year since the home purchase policy started), significantly outstripping losses from the Right to Buy alone.***

Council resolves to call for an officer report to Culture, Heritage, Sport, Tourism & Economic Development Committee which addresses:

- 6) A proposal for a model draft of an AHPN that can be delivered in Brighton & Hove.
- 7) Ways of requiring developers to meet the affordable housing target percentages set out in relevant Local Plan policies without public subsidy, with the AHPN setting out how this will be done on submission of the planning application.
- 8) A process that strengthens all participants' expertise around delivery models.
- 9) Incorporating possibilities for affordable units on smaller sites where there is a desire to ensure that such units are provided to meet the Council area's housing need.

- 10) Ways of incorporating support for smaller developers such as ‘alternative’ community-run providers to deliver Affordable Housing units through a stand-alone planning application or as a party to a scheme with another developer.
- 11) ***Considers the proposal that any affordable units on all sites which are designated ‘for any registered provider’ be considered by the councils housing dept initially to provide as part of our social housing.***
- 12) ***The report sets out plans to achieve the target of 800 additional council homes between May 2023 and May 2027, using all means possible, including measures to continue to maximise the purchase of homes and buildings and the reinvestment of the councils share in profits from the joint venture with Hyde (estimated at £4.2 million) to maximise the viability of additional council house schemes.***

Recommendations to read if carried:

This council notes:

- 1) The Council has not been achieving its Affordable Housing supply target in recent years and there can be resistance from some developers to the implementation of the Affordable Housing policy.
- 2) The proposed publication of new guidance in the form of an Affordable Housing Practice Note (AHPN) which is intended to inform and guide applicants, developers, Homes England, Registered Providers and BHCC’s Development Management & Housing teams, of the steps that must be taken by all parties on the implementation of these policies and targets.
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- 5) That the quickest way to add additional council homes is by buying homes and buildings (achieving over 424 additional council homes averaging 71 units a year since the home purchase policy started), significantly outstripping losses from the Right to Buy alone.

Council resolves to call for an officer report to Culture, Heritage, Sport, Tourism & Economic Development Committee which addresses:

- 6) A proposal for a model draft of an AHPN that can be delivered in Brighton & Hove.
- 7) Ways of requiring developers to meet the affordable housing target percentages set out in relevant Local Plan policies without public subsidy, with the AHPN setting out how this will be done on submission of the planning application.

- 8) A process that strengthens all participants' expertise around delivery models.
- 9) Incorporating possibilities for affordable units on smaller sites where there is a desire to ensure that such units are provided to meet the Council area's housing need.
- 10) Ways of incorporating support for smaller developers such as 'alternative' community-run providers to deliver Affordable Housing units through a stand-alone planning application or as a party to a scheme with another developer.
- 11) Considers the proposal that any affordable units on all sites which are designated 'for any registered provider' be considered by the councils housing dept initially to provide as part of our social housing.
- 12) The report sets out plans to achieve the target of 800 additional council homes between May 2023 and May 2027, using all means possible, including measures to continue to maximise the purchase of homes and buildings and the reinvestment of the councils share in profits from the joint venture with Hyde (estimated at £4.2 million) to maximise the viability of additional council house schemes.





# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 90**

**Subject: Improving Textile Recycling**

**Proposer: Cllr West  
Secunder: Cllr Mcleay**

## **GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**

This Council:

- 1) Notes the importance of ***stopping waste at source, of reducing textile waste, re-using textiles and then*** recycling textiles for the environment and for the City, with profits from the recycling currently split 60-40% between the Council and local charities.
- 2) Notes that in November the City Environment, South Downs and the Sea Committee approved 54 additional containers for carton recycling and 21 new containers for WEEE recycling, but it did not also increase the number of locations or containers for textile recycling.
- 3) Further notes that residents have reported textile recycling containers overflowing with the textiles trying to be recycled, increasing the risk of contamination and fly tipping.
- 4) ***that while the European Union is currently implementing aspects of the 'polluter pays' principle, encouraging producers to contribute to the cost of managing waste generated by their products, the UK government is yet to enact and enforce a polluter pays principle, thereby delaying more meaningful action on waste***

This council therefore resolves to:

- 5) Request an officer report brought to the City Environment, South Downs and the Sea Committee outlining options to increase the number of textile recycling points across Brighton and Hove and to increase the regularity of collection of textile recycling,
  - a. ***and that such a report include detail on the benefits of restarting the council's circular economy working group, to reduce issues of textile waste at source, encourage re-use, repair and repurposing and enable communications on the harmful impact the overproduction of textiles for 'fast fashion,' to prevent recycling containers filling up.***
  - b. ***how council can work with local charities and residents to highlight the problems fast fashion causes including through bulk donations of poor-quality clothes with poor re-sale ability, working with organisations such as Love Not Landfill [1] and WRAP [2].***

**c. to set out the council's route map for a circular economy strategy, and highlight the essential work required to deliver these climate change reducing initiatives, and for Brighton & Hove City to truly embrace a sustainable economic future.**

[1] <https://www.lovenotlandfill.org/#problem>

[2] <https://wrap.org.uk/taking-action/textiles/initiatives/textiles-2030>

Recommendations to read if carried:

This Council:

- 1) Notes the importance of stopping waste at source, of reducing textile waste, re-using textiles and then recycling textiles for the environment and for the City, with profits from the recycling currently split 60-40% between the Council and local charities.
- 2) Notes that in November the City Environment, South Downs and the Sea Committee approved 54 additional containers for carton recycling and 21 new containers for WEEE recycling, but it did not also increase the number of locations or containers for textile recycling.
- 3) Further notes that residents have reported textile recycling containers overflowing with the textiles trying to be recycled, increasing the risk of contamination and fly tipping.
- 4) that while the European Union is currently implementing aspects of the 'polluter pays' principle, encouraging producers to contribute to the cost of managing waste generated by their products, the UK government is yet to enact and enforce a polluter pays principle, thereby delaying more meaningful action on waste

This council therefore resolves to:

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  - a. and that such a report include detail on the benefits of restarting the council's circular economy working group, to reduce issues of textile waste at source, encourage re-use, repair and repurposing and enable communications on the harmful impact the overproduction of textiles for 'fast fashion,' to prevent recycling containers filling up.
  - b. how council can work with local charities and residents to highlight the problems fast fashion causes including through bulk donations of poor-quality clothes with poor re-sale ability, working with organisations such as Love Not Landfill [1] and WRAP [2].
  - c. to set out the council's route map for a circular economy strategy, and highlight the essential work required to deliver these climate change

reducing initiatives, and for Brighton & Hove City to truly embrace a sustainable economic future.

