

# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 72

**Subject:** Blocked gullies and drains

**Date of meeting:** 14 December 2023

**Proposer:** Councillor Pickett

**Seconded:** Councillor Hill

**Ward(s) affected:** All

### Amendment Green Group

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

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Recommendations to read if carried:

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