

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGY, FINANCE & CITY REGENERATION COMMITTEE

4.00pm 25 JANUARY 2024

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Sankey (Chair) Taylor (Deputy Chair), Shanks (Opposition Spokesperson), Cattell, McNair, Muten, Pumm, Robins and Rowkins, Williams

PART ONE

92 COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS ON SECOND HOME

- 92.1 The report was introduced by the Chief Financial Officer, who gave the comparison on council tax on long term empty homes and 2nd homes.
- 92.2 The Committee were asked to note the urgency of the report and agree pool space and get planning consent.
- 92.3 The Committee were asked to note the following:
- The independent inquiry
 - Formal Apology
 - Approve the recommendations in the report
 - Give delegated power to HR and OD Director to terminate the current procedures.
- 92.4 Councilor Sankey spoke on the matter.

Resolved

- 2.1 That the Strategy, Finance & City Regeneration Committee approves the proposal to apply the current 100% premium applicable to long-term empty and unfurnished properties after one year instead of two years from 1 April 2024 as permitted by the Levelling Up & Regeneration Act 2023.
- 2.2 That the Strategy, Finance & City Regeneration Committee recommends to full Council that it formally approves the recommendation that a new 100% Council Tax premium be applied to empty furnished properties (second homes) from 1 April 2025.

Full Council:

- 2.3 That full Council adopts the recommendation of Strategy, Finance & City Regeneration Committee at para 2.2 above and formally approves the recommendation that a new 100% Council Tax premium be applied to empty furnished properties (second homes) from 1 April 2025.