

Go to a full council or committee meeting

Find out how you can attend and get involved in a council meeting.

Find a council meeting (<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/https://present.brighton-hove.gov.uk/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1>)

To raise an issue at a council meeting, you can

- ask a question
- present a petition
- make a speech (also called a deputation)

To take part you will need to let us know in advance and follow the set rules. You can find the right contact details for each meeting in the agenda.

If you are unsure how the system works or feel that you need a confidence boost before taking that first step, you can also watch live video of council meetings (<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/https://aisapps.sonicfoundry.com/AuditelScheduler/CreateSchedules/Past/20>) or catch up after the meeting.

Choose which council meeting to go to

Have a look at our committee work programme (<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/council-and-democracy/councillors-and-committees/find-out-where-and-when-council-making>) to find out which council meeting is right for the issue you're interested in or contact our democratic services team (<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/mailto:democratic.servies@brighton-hove.gov.uk>).

The contact for Housing Committee is Shaun Hughes who can be reached via the following email: Shaun.Hughes@brighton-hove.gov.uk

If you would like to support or object to a planning application at Planning Committee (<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/https://democracy.brighton-hove.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=118>) there is a separate process.

Watch a council meeting

- All council meetings are held in public and you're always welcome to come along and watch. There's space set aside in meetings for journalists and members of the public.
- in accordance with current Covid guidance the public gallery is limited to 6 people and it would help to contact us in advance
- there may be security guards and bag checks for some meetings
- we ask journalists to make sure they have their credentials with them
- you may need to leave while a confidential issue is discussed. This will be clearly identified on the agenda

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Take part in a meeting

Ask a question

- questions can be up to 100 words long
- your question has to be about something we can act on
- you need to tell us you want to ask a question by midday 4 working days before the meeting

Make a speech

A speech at a council meeting is sometimes called a deputation.

- your speech can be up to 5 minutes long
- it should be supported by at least 5 people with one spokesperson
- you need to tell us that you want to make a deputation by midday 4 working days before the meeting

Read our guidance on asking a question or making a speech at a council meeting (<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/ask-question-or-make-speech-council-meeting>).

You can also present a petition at a council meeting (<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/get-involved-council-decisions/petitions>).

The constitution

Part 8.9 of our constitution (<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/council-and-democracy/councillors-and-committees/constitution-brighton-hove-city-council>) provides the process for public involvement in council meetings.

Related Links

- Find out where and when the council is making decisions (<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/council-and-democracy/councillors-and-committees/find-out-where-and-when-council-making>)
- Officers' decision record (<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/council-and-democracy/councillors-and-committees/officers-decision-record>)
- Committees, council meetings and decision making (<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/council-and-democracy/councillors-and-committees/committees-council-meetings-and-decision>)

Related Topics

- Committees (<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/topic/committees>)