

Council

Date: **16 May 2024**

Time: **4.30pm**

Venue: **Council Chamber, Brighton Town Hall**

Members: **Councillors:** O'Quinn (Chair), Atkinson, Alexander, Allen, Asaduzzaman, Bagaeen, Baghoth, Burden, Cattell, Czolak, Daniel, Davis, Earthey, Evans, Galvin, Fishleigh, Fowler, Grimshaw, Meadows, McNair, Robins, Sankey, Shanks, C Theobald, West, Wilkinson, Williams, Goddard, Goldsmith, Helliwell, Hewitt, Hill, Hogan, Loughran, Lyons, McGregor, McLeay, Miller, Muten, Nann, Oliveira, Pickett, Pumm, Robinson, Rowkins, Sheard, Simon, Stevens, Taylor, Thomson, Winder, Guilmant, Gauge and Mackey.

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AGENDA

Part One

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1 COUNCIL BUSINESS

Newly Elected Councillors

The Mayor will invite Councillor Sankey to introduce their newly elected councillors who will come forward to be welcomed by the Mayor prior to taking their respective seats in the Council Chamber.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (a) Disclosable pecuniary interests;
- (b) Any other interests required to be registered under the local code;
- (c) Any other general interest as a result of which a decision on the matter might reasonably be regarded as affecting you or a partner more than a majority of other people or businesses in the ward/s affected by the decision.

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- (i) the item on the agenda the interest relates to;
- (ii) the nature of the interest; and
- (iii) whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest or some other interest.

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3 MAYORAL REPORT 2023/24

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4 MAYOR'S THANKS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor will give thanks for her year in office and make presentations.

5 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/25

The Mayor will seek nominations for the Mayor for the municipal year 2024/25.

It is proposed that the Council elects Councillor Asaduzzaman as Mayor for the municipal year 2024/25.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor will call a short adjournment to allow for the robing of the new Mayor.

6 DECLARATION OF OFFICE, ACCEPTANCE SPEECH AND VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

The Mayor will make his formal declaration of acceptance of office and acceptance speech and will call on Councillor Sankey to move a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor O'Quinn.

7 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR BRIGHTON AND HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/25

The Mayor will seek nominations for the Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2024/25.

It is proposed that the Council elects Councillor Grimshaw as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2024/25.

8 APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2024/25

The Mayor will seek nominations for the appointment of the Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2024/25.

It is proposed that the Council elects Councillor Sankey as Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2024/25.

9 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS 2024/25

The Mayor will move the following appointments:

- a) To approve the appointment of the Deputy Leader(s) of the Council
- b) To approve the appointment of the Leader of the Official Opposition
- c) To note the appointments of the following positions as agreed by the respective Groups represented on the Council as set out in the addendum (to follow)
 - (i) Leader of the Labour Group
 - (ii) Deputy Leader(s) of the Labour Group
 - (iii) Convenor of the Green Group
 - (iv) Deputy Convenor(s) of the Green Group
 - (v) Leader of the Conservative Group
 - (vi) Deputy Leader(s) of the Conservative Group
 - (vii) Leader of the Brighton & Hove Independent Group
 - (viii) Deputy Leader of the Brighton & Hove Independent Group

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12 REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, OUTSIDE BODIES AND PARTNERSHIPS 2024/25

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15 CLOSE OF MEETING

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Note:

1. *The Mayor will put the motion to the vote and if it is carried will then:-*

(a) *Call on the Member who had moved the item under discussion to give their right of reply, before then putting the matter to the vote, taking into account the need to put any amendments that have been moved to the vote first;*

(b) *Each remaining item on the agenda that has not been dealt with will then be taken in the order they appear on the agenda and put to the vote without debate.*

The Member responsible for moving each item will be given the opportunity by the Mayor to withdraw the item or to have it voted on. If there are any amendments that have been submitted, these will be taken and voted on first in the order that they were received.

(c) *Following completion of the outstanding items, the Mayor will then close the meeting.*

2. *If the motion moved by the Mayor is **not carried** the meeting will continue in the normal way, with each item being moved and debated and voted on.*

3. *Any Member will still have the opportunity to move a closure motion should they so wish. If such a motion is moved and seconded, then the same procedure as outlined above will be followed.*

Once all the remaining items have been dealt with the Mayor will close the meeting.

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Further information

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