

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**4.30pm 22 FEBRUARY 2024**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

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

**PART ONE**

**92 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 92.1 Councillor Alexander declared a personal and prejudicial interest as they were Chair of Grub Hub (Food partnership). She confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.2 Councillor Atkinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he and his wife both worked for Sussex Partnership NHS Trust and he was a union rep in the Trust. He confirmed that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.3 Councillor Baghoth declared a personal and prejudicial interest as she was vice chair of Friends of Knoll Park. She confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.4 Councillor Daniel declared a personal and prejudicial interest as she worked for Citizens Advice Brighton & Hove which receives funding from the councils communities department third sector commission. She confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.5 Councillor Davis declared a personal and prejudicial interest as his partner worked for YMCA Downslink organisation. He confirmed that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.6 Councillor De Oliveira declared a personal and prejudicial interest as his partner worked for ICS Mental Health Sussex Healthcare as Collaborative Project Manager and he was

a Governor at the University Hospital Sussex Foundation Trust. He confirmed that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.

- 92.7 Councillor Grimshaw declared a personal and prejudicial interest as she was a Trustee of Royal Pavilion and Museum Trust and awaiting confirmation of trustee/board member of Hangleton Community Centre. She confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.8 Councillor Hewitt declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a member of and the Treasurer for the Sussex Partnership Health Branch of UNISON and as a result of the position he received a honoria payment, works for Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. He confirmed that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.9 Councillor Muten declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he was an allotment holder and his wife was a Trustee of the Hangleton and Knoll project and employed by Brighton and Hove Faith in Action which receives funding from the Council. He confirmed that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.10 Councillor Robins declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he was an allotment holder, was a Trustee at the Royal Pavilion and Museum Trust and Chair of the Fresh Start Charity an organisation in receipt of community funds. He confirmed that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.11 Councillor Shanks declared a personal and prejudicial interest as she was a Trustee of Brighton Youth Centre and the Royal Pavilion and Museums Trust, was a school governor at Homewood College and her husband was a Trustee of Community Works. She confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.12 Councillor Simon declared a personal and prejudicial interest as she worked for the National Education Union. She confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.13 Councillor Stevens declared a personal and prejudicial interest as she was Trustee on Board of Brighton Dome and Brighton Festival. She confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.14 Councillor Thomson declared a personal and prejudicial interest as she was an allotment holder. She confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.15 Councillor West declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he was Company Director and Charity Trustee of Brighton & Hove Wood Recycling Project which had a commercial lease with the Council and was a Trustee of Brighton and Hove Estates Conservation Trust. He confirmed that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.

- 92.16 Councillor Miller declared a personal and prejudicial interest as appointee on the Brighton Music Trust Board. She confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.17 Councillor Wilkinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he rented an allotment from Brighton and Hove City Council. He confirmed that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.18 Councillor Winder declared a personal and prejudicial interest as she was an allotment holder. She confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.19 Councillor Robinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest as she was a Trustee of Brighton and Hove Estates Conservation Trust. She confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.20 Councillor O'Quinn declared a personal and prejudicial interest as was a Trustee of Brighton and Hove Estates Conservation Trust. She confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.21 Councillor Nann declared a personal and prejudicial interest as his partner worked for Brighton and Hove City Council. He confirmed that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.22 Councillor Allen declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he was a Trustee at Seaside Homes. He confirmed that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.23 Councillor Fowler declared a personal and prejudicial interest as was a Trustee of Brighton and Hove Conservation Trust. She confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer.
- 92.24 No other declarations of interests in matters appearing on the agenda were made.

### **93 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

- 93.1 The mayor gave the following communications:

The mayor called on the Leader of the Council to move a motion to suspend the Council Procedure Rules.

Councillor Sankey moved that Council procedure rules be suspended to the extent necessary to enable today's proceedings to be conducted in accordance with the special procedures circulated to Members and published in the addendum from page 5 – 8.

Councillor Williams formally seconded the motion.

The mayor put the motion to the vote and confirmed that it had been carried unanimously.

**94 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET, CAPITAL & TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2024-25**

- 94.1 The mayor noted that the principal budget items listed as items 94 and 96 would be debated together, along with Item 95 Supplementary Financial Information, once the proposed budget and various amendments had been moved and seconded.
- 94.2 She therefore invited Councillor Taylor to propose the budget for 2024/25.
- 94.3 Councillor Taylor thanked the mayor and formally moved the budget proposals on behalf of the Administration.
- 94.4 Councillor Sankey spoke on the budget position and formally seconded the proposals.
- 94.5 Councillor Shanks spoke on the budget and formally moved the Green Group's amendments No's 1 – 4.
- 94.6 Councillor Davis spoke on the budget position and formally seconded the proposals together with the Green Group's amendments.
- 94.7 Councillor McNair spoke on the budget and formally moved the Labour Group's amendments No's 1 – 4.
- 94.8 Councillor Meadows spoke on the budget and formally seconded the Conservative Group's amendment.
- 94.9 The mayor noted that the meeting had been in session for just over two hours and declared that he would adjourn for a refreshment break from 8.44pm to 9pm.
- 94.10 The mayor reconvened the meeting at 9pm.
- 94.11 Councillor Fishleigh spoke on the budget and formally moved the Brighton & Hove Independent Group's amendment.
- 94.12 Councillor Earthey spoke on the budget and formally moved the Brighton & Hove Independent Member amendment.
- 94.13 The mayor opened the matter up to a general debate and the following Members of the Council spoke on the various amendments that had been put forward as well as the general prevailing budget proposals and budget position:
- 94.14 Councillors Hogan, McLeay, Williams, Atkinson, Goldsmith, Lyons, Goddard, Pickett, Stevens, Hill, Muten, Burden, Pumm, Loughran, McGregor, Cattell, Allen, Robinson, Rowkins, Alexander, Hewitt, Fowler, Sheard, Czolak, Robins, Helliwell and West.
- 94.15 Councillor Sankey thanked the mayor and closed the debate and confirmed the amendments could not be accepted. She therefore hoped that the budget proposals would be approved and recommended it to Council.

94.16 The mayor stated that in view of the fact that the amendments related to the General Fund, she intended to put each one to the vote.

94.17 However, she would call on the Chief Finance Officer to confirm the budgetary position should any amendment be carried and have an impact on the overall budget as necessary. She would then put the substantive recommendations to the vote as outlined in the procedural rules and also noted that the outcome of the voting would be recorded in full.

94.18 The mayor then put the Brighton & Hove Independent Member amendment 1 to the vote.

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Alexander		✓		28	McGregor		✓	
2	Allen		✓		29	McLeay		✓	
3	Asaduzzaman		✓		30	McNair		✓	
4	Atkinson		✓		31	Meadows		✓	
5	Bagaeen	Not Present			32	Miller		✓	
6	Baghoth		✓		33	Mistry	Not Present		
7	Burden		✓		34	Muten		✓	
8	Cattell		✓		35	Nann		✓	
9	Czolak		✓		36	O'Quinn		✓	
10	Daniel		✓		37	De Oliveira		✓	
11	Davis		✓		38	Pickett		✓	
12	Earthey	Not Present			39	Pumm		✓	
13	Evans		✓		40	Robins		✓	
14	Fishleigh	✓			41	Robinson		✓	
15	Fowler		✓		42	Rowkins		✓	
16	Gajjar	Not Present			43	Sankey		✓	
17	Galvin		✓		44	Shanks		✓	
18	Goddard		✓		45	Sheard		✓	
19	Goldsmith		✓		46	Simon		✓	
20	Grimshaw		✓		47	Stevens			
21	Guilmant		✓		48	Taylor		✓	
22	Helliwell		✓		49	Theobald	Not Present		

23	Hewitt		✓		50	Thomson		✓	
24	Hill		✓		51	West		✓	
25	Hogan		✓		52	Wilkinson		✓	
26	Loughran		✓		53	Williams		✓	
27	Lyons		✓		54	Winder		✓	
						<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>

The mayor confirmed that the amendment had been lost by 47 votes to 1 with 0 abstentions.

The mayor then put the Conservative Member amendment 1 to the vote.

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Alexander		✓		28	McGregor		✓	
2	Allen		✓		29	McLeay		✓	
3	Asaduzzaman		✓		30	McNair	✓		
4	Atkinson		✓		31	Meadows	✓		
5	Bagaeen	Not Present			32	Miller		✓	
6	Baghoth		✓		33	Mistry	Not Present		
7	Burden		✓		34	Muten		✓	
8	Cattell		✓		35	Nann		✓	
9	Czolak		✓		36	O'Quinn		✓	
10	Daniel		✓		37	De Oliveira		✓	
11	Davis		✓		38	Pickett		✓	
12	Earthey	Not Present			39	Pumm		✓	
13	Evans		✓		40	Robins		✓	
14	Fishleigh		✓		41	Robinson		✓	
15	Fowler		✓		42	Rowkins		✓	
16	Gajjar	Not Present			43	Sankey		✓	
17	Galvin		✓		44	Shanks		✓	
18	Goddard		✓		45	Sheard		✓	
19	Goldsmith		✓		46	Simon		✓	
20	Grimshaw		✓		47	Stevens	Not Present		

21	Guilmant		✓		48	Taylor		✓	
22	Helliwell		✓		49	Theobald	Not Present		
23	Hewitt		✓		50	Thomson		✓	
24	Hill		✓		51	West		✓	
25	Hogan	✓			52	Wilkinson		✓	
26	Loughran		✓		53	Williams		✓	
27	Lyons	✓			54	Winder		✓	
						<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>44</b>	

The mayor confirmed that the amendment had been lost by 44 votes to 4 with 0 abstentions.

The mayor then put the Conservative Member amendment 2 to the vote.

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Alexander		✓		28	McGregor		✓	
2	Allen		✓		29	McLeay		✓	
3	Asaduzzaman		✓		30	McNair	✓		
4	Atkinson		✓		31	Meadows	✓		
5	Bagaeen	Not Present			32	Miller			
6	Baghoth		✓		33	Mistry	Not Present		
7	Burden		✓		34	Muten		✓	
8	Cattell		✓		35	Nann		✓	
9	Czolak		✓		36	O'Quinn		✓	
10	Daniel		✓		37	De Oliveira		✓	
11	Davis		✓		38	Pickett		✓	
12	Earthey				39	Pumm		✓	
13	Evans		✓		40	Robins		✓	
14	Fishleigh		✓		41	Robinson		✓	
15	Fowler		✓		42	Rowkins		✓	
16	Gajjar	Not Present			43	Sankey		✓	
17	Galvin		✓		44	Shanks		✓	
18	Goddard		✓		45	Sheard		✓	

19	Goldsmith		✓		46	Simon		✓	
20	Grimshaw		✓		47	Stevens			
21	Guilmant		✓		48	Taylor		✓	
22	Helliwell		✓		49	Theobald	Not Present		
23	Hewitt		✓		50	Thomson		✓	
24	Hill		✓		51	West		✓	
25	Hogan	✓			52	Wilkinson		✓	
26	Loughran		✓		53	Williams		✓	
27	Lyons	✓			54	Winder		✓	
						<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>

The mayor confirmed that the amendment had been lost by 44 votes to 4 with 0 abstentions.

The mayor then put the Conservative Member amendment 3 to the vote.

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Alexander		✓		28	McGregor		✓	
2	Allen		✓		29	McLeay		✓	
3	Asaduzzaman		✓		30	McNair	✓		
4	Atkinson		✓		31	Meadows	✓		
5	Bagaeen	Not Present			32	Miller			
6	Baghoth		✓		33	Mistry	Not Present		
7	Burden		✓		34	Muten		✓	
8	Cattell		✓		35	Nann		✓	
9	Czolak		✓		36	O'Quinn		✓	
10	Daniel		✓		37	De Oliveira		✓	
11	Davis		✓		38	Pickett		✓	
12	Earthey				39	Pumm		✓	
13	Evans		✓		40	Robins		✓	
14	Fishleigh		✓		41	Robinson		✓	
15	Fowler		✓		42	Rowkins		✓	
16	Gajjar	Not Present			43	Sankey		✓	



17	Galvin		✓		44	Shanks		✓	
18	Goddard		✓		45	Sheard		✓	
19	Goldsmith		✓		46	Simon		✓	
20	Grimshaw		✓		47	Stevens			
21	Guilmant		✓		48	Taylor		✓	
22	Helliwell		✓		49	Theobald	Not Present		
23	Hewitt		✓		50	Thomson		✓	
24	Hill		✓		51	West		✓	
25	Hogan	✓			52	Wilkinson		✓	
26	Loughran		✓		53	Williams		✓	
27	Lyons	✓			54	Winder		✓	
						<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>

The mayor confirmed that the amendment had been lost by 44 votes to 4 with 0 abstentions.

The mayor then put the Conservative Member amendment 4 to the vote.

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Alexander		✓		28	McGregor		✓	
2	Allen		✓		29	McLeay		✓	
3	Asaduzzaman		✓		30	McNair	✓		
4	Atkinson		✓		31	Meadows	✓		
5	Bagaeen	Not Present			32	Miller			
6	Baghoth		✓		33	Mistry	Not Present		
7	Burden		✓		34	Muten		✓	
8	Cattell		✓		35	Nann		✓	
9	Czolak		✓		36	O'Quinn		✓	
10	Daniel		✓		37	De Oliveira		✓	
11	Davis		✓		38	Pickett		✓	
12	Earthey	Not Present			39	Pumm		✓	
13	Evans		✓		40	Robins		✓	
14	Fishleigh	✓			41	Robinson		✓	

15	Fowler		✓		42	Rowkins		✓	
16	Gajjar	Not Present			43	Sankey		✓	
17	Galvin		✓		44	Shanks		✓	
18	Goddard		✓		45	Sheard		✓	
19	Goldsmith		✓		46	Simon		✓	
20	Grimshaw		✓		47	Stevens	Not Present		
21	Guilmant		✓		48	Taylor		✓	
22	Helliwell		✓		49	Theobald	Not Present		
23	Hewitt		✓		50	Thomson		✓	
24	Hill		✓		51	West		✓	
25	Hogan	✓			52	Wilkinson		✓	
26	Loughran		✓		53	Williams		✓	
27	Lyons	✓			54	Winder		✓	
						<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>44</b>	

The mayor confirmed that the amendment had been lost by 44 votes to 4 with 0 abstentions.

The mayor then put the Green Member amendment 1 to the vote.

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Alexander		✓		28	McGregor		✓	
2	Allen		✓		29	McLeay	✓		
3	Asaduzzaman		✓		30	McNair		✓	
4	Atkinson		✓		31	Meadows		✓	
5	Bagaeen	Not Present			32	Miller		✓	
6	Baghoth		✓		33	Mistry	Not Present		
7	Burden		✓		34	Muten		✓	
8	Cattell		✓		35	Nann		✓	
9	Czolak		✓		36	O'Quinn		✓	
10	Daniel		✓		37	De Oliveira		✓	
11	Davis	✓			38	Pickett	✓		
12	Earthey		Not Present		39	Pumm		✓	

13	Evans		✓		40	Robins		✓	
14	Fishleigh		✓		41	Robinson		✓	
15	Fowler		✓		42	Rowkins		✓	
16	Gajjar	Not Present			43	Sankey		✓	
17	Galvin		✓		44	Shanks	✓		
18	Goddard		✓		45	Sheard		✓	
19	Goldsmith	✓			46	Simon		✓	
20	Grimshaw		✓		47	Stevens	Not Present		
21	Guilmant		✓		48	Taylor		✓	
22	Helliwell		✓		49	Theobald	Not Present		
23	Hewitt		✓		50	Thomson		✓	
24	Hill	✓			51	West	✓		
25	Hogan		✓		52	Wilkinson		✓	
26	Loughran		✓		53	Williams		✓	
27	Lyons		✓		54	Winder		✓	
						<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>

The mayor confirmed that the amendment had been lost by 41 votes to 7 with 0 abstentions.

The mayor then put the Green Member amendment 2 to the vote.

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Alexander		✓		28	McGregor		✓	
2	Allen		✓		29	McLeay	✓		
3	Asaduzzaman		✓		30	McNair		✓	
4	Atkinson		✓		31	Meadows		✓	
5	Bagaeen	Not Present			32	Miller		✓	
6	Baghoth		✓		33	Mistry	Not Present		
7	Burden		✓		34	Muten		✓	
8	Cattell		✓		35	Nann		✓	
9	Czolak		✓		36	O'Quinn		✓	
10	Daniel		✓		37	De Oliveira		✓	

11	Davis	✓			38	Pickett	✓		
12	Earthey		Not Present		39	Pumm		✓	
13	Evans		✓		40	Robins		✓	
14	Fishleigh	✓			41	Robinson		✓	
15	Fowler		✓		42	Rowkins		✓	
16	Gajjar	Not Present			43	Sankey		✓	
17	Galvin		✓		44	Shanks	✓		
18	Goddard		✓		45	Sheard		✓	
19	Goldsmith	✓			46	Simon		✓	
20	Grimshaw		✓		47	Stevens	Not Present		
21	Guilmant		✓		48	Taylor		✓	
22	Helliwell		✓		49	Theobald	Not Present		
23	Hewitt		✓		50	Thomson		✓	
24	Hill	✓			51	West	✓		
25	Hogan		✓		52	Wilkinson		✓	
26	Loughran		✓		53	Williams		✓	
27	Lyons		✓		54	Winder		✓	
						<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>

The mayor confirmed that the amendment had been lost by 40 votes to 8 with 0 abstentions.

The mayor then put the Green Member amendment 3 to the vote.

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Alexander		✓		28	McGregor		✓	
2	Allen		✓		29	McLeay	✓		
3	Asaduzzaman		✓		30	McNair		✓	
4	Atkinson		✓		31	Meadows		✓	
5	Bagaeen	Not Present			32	Miller		✓	
6	Baghoth		✓		33	Mistry	Not Present		
7	Burden		✓		34	Muten		✓	
8	Cattell		✓		35	Nann		✓	

9	Czolak		✓		36	O'Quinn		✓	
10	Daniel		✓		37	De Oliveira		✓	
11	Davis	✓			38	Pickett	✓		
12	Earthey	Not Present			39	Pumm		✓	
13	Evans		✓		40	Robins		✓	
14	Fishleigh		✓		41	Robinson		✓	
15	Fowler		✓		42	Rowkins		✓	
16	Gajjar	Not Present			43	Sankey		✓	
17	Galvin		✓		44	Shanks	✓		
18	Goddard		✓		45	Sheard		✓	
19	Goldsmith	✓			46	Simon		✓	
20	Grimshaw		✓		47	Stevens	Not Present		
21	Guilmant		✓		48	Taylor		✓	
22	Helliwell		✓		49	Theobald	Not Present		
23	Hewitt		✓		50	Thomson		✓	
24	Hill	✓			51	West	✓		
25	Hogan		✓		52	Wilkinson		✓	
26	Loughran		✓		53	Williams		✓	
27	Lyons		✓		54	Winder		✓	
						<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>

The mayor confirmed that the amendment had been lost by 41 votes to 7 with 0 abstentions.

The mayor then put the Green Member amendment 4 to the vote.

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Alexander		✓		28	McGregor		✓	
2	Allen		✓		29	McLeay	✓		
3	Asaduzzaman		✓		30	McNair		✓	
4	Atkinson		✓		31	Meadows		✓	
5	Bagaeen	Not Present			32	Miller		✓	

6	Baghoth		✓		33	Mistry	Not Present		
7	Burden		✓		34	Muten		✓	
8	Cattell		✓		35	Nann		✓	
9	Czolak		✓		36	O'Quinn		✓	
10	Daniel		✓		37	De Oliveira		✓	
11	Davis	✓			38	Pickett	✓		
12	Earthey		Not Present		39	Pumm		✓	
13	Evans		✓		40	Robins		✓	
14	Fishleigh		✓		41	Robinson		✓	
15	Fowler		✓		42	Rowkins		✓	
16	Gajjar	Not Present			43	Sankey		✓	
17	Galvin		✓		44	Shanks	✓		
18	Goddard		✓		45	Sheard		✓	
19	Goldsmith	✓			46	Simon		✓	
20	Grimshaw		✓		47	Stevens			
21	Guilmant		✓		48	Taylor		✓	
22	Helliwell		✓		49	Theobald	Not Present		
23	Hewitt		✓		50	Thomson		✓	
24	Hill	✓			51	West	✓		
25	Hogan		✓		52	Wilkinson		✓	
26	Loughran		✓		53	Williams		✓	
27	Lyons		✓		54	Winder		✓	

The mayor confirmed that the amendment had been lost by 41 votes to 7 with 0 abstentions.

The mayor then put the General Fund Budget Revenue Budget, Capital & Treasury Management Strategy and Council Tax for 2024/25 together with the Supplementary Financial information and council tax resolution to the vote. She called on each of the Group Leaders to confirm their position as well as the Groups in turn followed by each of the Independent Members:

**Budget vote**

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
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1	Alexander	✓			28	McGregor	✓		
2	Allen	✓			29	McLeay		✓	
3	Asaduzzaman	✓			30	McNair		✓	
4	Atkinson	✓			31	Meadows		✓	
5	Bagaeen	Not Present			32	Miller	✓		
6	Baghoth	✓			33	Mistry	Not Present		
7	Burden	✓			34	Muten	✓		
8	Cattell	✓			35	Nann	✓		
9	Czolak	✓			36	O'Quinn	✓		
10	Daniel	✓			37	De Oliveira	✓		
11	Davis		✓		38	Pickett		✓	
12	Earthey	Not present			39	Pumm	✓		
13	Evans	✓			40	Robins	✓		
14	Fishleigh			✓	41	Robinson	✓		
15	Fowler	✓			42	Rowkins	✓		
16	Gajjar	Not Present			43	Sankey	✓		
17	Galvin	✓			44	Shanks		✓	
18	Goddard	✓			45	Sheard	✓		
19	Goldsmith		✓		46	Simon	✓		
20	Grimshaw	✓			47	Stevens	Not Present		
21	Guilmant	✓			48	Taylor	✓		
22	Helliwell	✓			49	Theobald	Not Present		
23	Hewitt	✓			50	Thomson	✓		
24	Hill		✓		51	West		✓	
25	Hogan		✓		52	Wilkinson	✓		
26	Loughran	✓			53	Williams	✓		
27	Lyons		✓		54	Winder	✓		
						<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>

The mayor confirmed that the recommendations had been carried by 36 votes to 11 with 1 abstentions.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) That Council approved the Administration's proposed budget and Council Tax increase on the Brighton and Hove element of the council tax, comprising:
  - i) A general Council Tax increase of 2.99%;
  - ii) An Adult Social Care Precept increase of 2.00%;
  - iii) The council's net General Fund budget requirement for 2024/25 of £246.353m; iv) The 2024/25 budget allocations to services as set out in Appendix 1;
  - v) The Budget Strategies and proposed savings as set out in Appendix 1;
  - vi) The one-off resource allocations as set out in the table at paragraph 5.8.
  - vii) A recommended working balance of £9.000m (approximately 3.7% of the net budget) to be maintained or replenished over the period of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.
- 2) That Council noted the updated 4-Year Medium Term Financial Strategy included at paragraph 10.3 including predicted budget shortfalls of £73m over the 4-year period.
- 3) That Council approved the Capital Strategy for 2024/25 at Appendix 2 comprising:
  - i) The strategy for funding the investment in change, including the flexible use of capital receipts as set out in section 8;
  - ii) The capital resources and proposed borrowing included at Annex A of the Capital Strategy; iii) The Capital Investment Programme for 2024/25 of £211.470m included at Appendix 1 and incorporating allocations to strategic funds.
- 4) That Council noted the Equalities Impact Assessments to cover all relevant budget options as set out in Appendix 6.
- 5) That Council further noted that approval of the budget is an indicative resourcing decision to be taken in the context of the explanation given in the Legal Implications at paragraph 18.2.
- 6) That Council approved the Treasury Management Strategy Statement as set out in Appendix 3 comprising:
  - i) The Annual Investment Strategy;
  - ii) The Prudential and Treasury Indicators;
  - iii) The Minimum Revenue Provision policy;
  - iv) The authorised borrowing limit for the year commencing 1 April 2024.
- 7) That Council notes that supplementary information needed to set the overall council tax, including a detailed Budget Book, will be provided for the Budget Council meeting as listed in paragraph.
- 8) That Council use the statutory budget calculation and the Council Tax Resolution set out in this report to derive a 4.99% council tax increase as the basis of debate at the meeting. 2.2
- 9) That Council noted the revised Equality Impact Assessments provided at Appendix 10.
- 10) **Formal Council Tax Resolution:**



1. It be noted that on 25 January 2024 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2024/25:
  - (a) for the whole Council area as 93,574.4 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the “Act”)); and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate: -
    - Rottingdean Parish – 1,706.2
    - Hanover Crescent Enclosure – 42.7
    - Marine Square Enclosure – 69.5
    - Royal Crescent Enclosure – 29.7
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council’s own purposes for 2024/25 (excluding Parish precepts) is £185,092,000.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a) £850,985,151 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils;
  - (b) £665,837,171 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;
  - (c) £185,147,980 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act);
  - (d) £1,978.62 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts);
  - (e) £89,916 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;
  - (f) £1,977.66 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special items relates;
  - (g) £2,010.47 Rottingdean Parish  
 £2,235.41 Hanover Crescent  
 £2,162.26 Marine Square  
 £2,317.73 Royal Crescent  
 being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts

of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the relevant amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for the dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

Valuation Band: Parts of the Council's area	A* £	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Rottingdean Parish	1,116.93	1,340.31	1,563.70	1,787.08	2,010.47	2,457.24	2,904.01	3,350.78	4,020.94
Hanover Crescent	1,241.89	1,490.27	1,738.65	1,987.03	2,235.41	2,732.17	3,228.93	3,725.68	4,470.82
Marine Square	1,201.26	1,441.51	1,681.76	1,922.01	2,162.26	2,642.76	3,123.26	3,603.77	4,324.52
Royal Crescent	1,287.63	1,545.15	1,802.68	2,060.20	2,317.73	2,832.78	3,347.83	3,862.88	4,635.46
All other parts of the council's area	1,098.70	1,318.44	1,538.18	1,757.92	1,977.66	2,417.14	2,856.62	3,296.10	3,955.32

\* Entitled to disabled relief

4. To note that the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

Valuation Band:	A* £	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner	140.51	168.61	196.71	224.81	252.91	309.11	365.31	421.52	505.82

\* Entitled to disabled relief

Valuation Band:	A* £	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
East Sussex Fire Authority	59.72	71.66	83.60	95.55	107.49	131.38	155.26	179.15	214.98

\* Entitled to disabled relief

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2024/25 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Valuation Band: Parts of the Council's area	A* £	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Rottingdean Parish	1,317.16	1,580.58	1,844.01	2,107.44	2,370.87	2,897.73	3,424.58	3,951.45	4,741.74
Hanover Crescent	1,442.12	1,730.54	2,018.96	2,307.39	2,595.81	3,172.66	3,749.50	4,326.35	5,191.62
Marine Square	1,401.49	1,681.78	1,962.07	2,242.37	2,522.66	3,083.25	3,643.83	4,204.44	5,045.32
Royal Crescent	1,487.86	1,785.42	2,082.99	2,380.56	2,678.13	3,273.27	3,868.40	4,463.55	5,356.26
All other parts of the council's area	1,298.93	1,558.71	1,818.49	2,078.28	2,338.06	2,857.63	3,377.19	3,896.77	4,676.12

\* Entitled to disabled relief

6. In accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 the Council determines its relevant basic amount of council tax for the financial year 2024/25 is not excessive.

## 95 SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR BUDGET COUNCIL

### 95.1 Note:

The item was taken into consideration as part of the overall budget debate and included in the votes on the amendments to the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2024/25 and Supplementary Financial Information recommendation 1 and the final vote on the overall General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2024/25 as detailed under Item 94 above.

## 96 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET & CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2024/25 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

- 96.1 The mayor noted that the Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Investment Programme 2024/25 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy had been taken into consideration as part of the overall budget debate as detailed under Item 95 above.
- 96.2 The mayor then put the recommendations as detailed in the report to the vote and called on each of the Group Leaders to confirm their position as well as the Groups in turn followed by each of the Independent Members. Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Investment Programme 2024/25 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy.

### Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Investment Programme 2024/25 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Alexander	✓			28	McGregor	✓		
2	Allen	✓			29	McLeay	✓		
3	Asaduzzaman	✓			30	McNair		✓	
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19	Goldsmith	✓			46	Simon	✓		
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24	Hill	✓			51	West	✓		
25	Hogan		✓		52	Wilkinson	✓		
26	Loughran	✓			53	Williams	✓		
27	Lyons		✓		54	Winder	✓		
							<b>44</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

96.3 The mayor confirmed that the recommendations had been carried by 44 votes to 4 with 0 abstentions.

96.4 **RESOLVED:**

That Full Council:

- 1) Approved the updated HRA Revenue Budget for 2024/25 as shown in Table 1 of the main report and Appendix 1 to the report.
- 2) Approved the new Capital Programme Budget of £57.955m for 2024/25 as part of the revised capital budget of £87.623m (which includes reprofiles of £29.668m from 2023/24); and
- 3) Noted the 5-year capital programme as set out in Appendix 3 to the report.

97 **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting concluded at 9.35PM

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2024



