

Councillor Vanessa Brown
Chair
Culture, Tourism and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Dear Cllr Brown

As a newly appointed member of the City Council's Culture, Tourism and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee, I would like to request that the Committee looks into a particular issue.

Brighton & Hove is known for its colourful and interesting arts and culture scene that attracts tourism and new businesses. Culture especially has a wide impact on residents and their quality of life. For younger people and those with a higher income there is great choice and easy accessibility to cultural events and venues. However for older residents I do not believe that it is the same case. Accessibility to culture for older people is a problem, especially for those living in the outer wards of the City.

During the Brighton Festival a theatre company accused my ward of being culturally starved. Whether this is true or not, cultural events do seem to be concentrated towards the centre of the City. In my view the majority of cultural activity in the City seems to be aimed at younger people or those seeking more highbrow events.

I would be grateful if our Committee could investigate accessibility to culture for older people, with the providers and users of these important resources in the City.

Sincerely,

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