

## **Brighton & Hove City Council**

**Council**

**Agenda Item 29**

**Subject: Recognising Unpaid Carers**

**Date of meeting: 10 July 2025**

**Proposer: Councillor Parrott**

**Seconder: Councillor Burden**

**Ward(s) affected: All**

**Notice of Motion**

**Labour Group Amendment**

### **Recommendations to read if carried:**

This council notes:

- 1) Unpaid carers contribute £162 billion every year in selfless work for loved ones[1]
- 2) 44% of adults providing unpaid care for over 35 hours a week are in poverty, with nearly 8% of people receiving Carers Allowance relying on food banks[2]
- 3) Carers Allowance is entirely deducted from Universal Credit payments and there is a 'cliff edge' when hitting the £196/week part-term earnings limit
- 4) The uncertainty remaining for those being prosecuted due to 'overpayments' of Carers Allowance, which for many was due the complexity of calculating allowances
- 5) Unpaid carers play a vital role in our City and are recognised by this Council for the valuable work they do
- 6) The government will continue to take swift action to tackle poverty among unpaid carers and ensure fairness in the systems within our welfare state

Therefore, resolves to:

- 1) Request that a report is brought to Cabinet refreshing the local carers strategy which has proved successful and useful since its launch in 2018.
- 2) Welcome the unprecedented rise in the earnings limit on carer's allowance in the government's 2024 autumn budget, meaning carers are able to earn up to £2,340 per year more.
- 3) Give our solidarity to the 20,800 unpaid carers in the city, including 25% of BHCC employees.