



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# **HOUSING & NEW HOMES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM**

**4.00PM, WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2015**

**FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, SHIP STREET, BRIGHTON**



# ADDENDUM

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### WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by members of the public who either live or work in the area of the authority.

(i) The following written question has been received from Damon & Rebecca Brown.

“In light of the reports that Mears and/or council subcontractor have been suspended for overcharging, will all Mears major works projects now be suspended until a resolution has been found?”

(ii) The following written question has been received from Sarah Carter.

"An investigation has begun into overcharging by Mears for repairs. Mark Turner, GMB branch secretary, said: ***“There should be a root and branch investigation into this contract to make sure that public money is not going somewhere else.”*** Is the committee aware of the existence of two independently commissioned, pre-works, RICS building surveys which show that over-charging and unnecessary works could run into millions of pounds for council-owned major housing works in Brighton and Hove? Can existing investigators widen enquiries to include this potential area of overcharging?”

