



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# **HOUSING & NEW HOMES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM**

**4.00PM, WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL, NORTON ROAD,  
HOVE, BN3 4AH**



# 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 Valerie Paynter.

**“I have already reported pointing mortar falling onto my own windows from on high but two tenants from Conway Court have spoken to me about wet concrete setting hard on their windows. One tenant requested and got set concrete removed, but says the glass was left scratched by the Bulgarian concrete workers' tools. Can you tell me, please, why the council is unable to get Mears to protect the glass, and UPVC on newly installed windows from slopped and SETTING concrete being put into drilled out banding areas during work directly adjacent to and above individual window areas?”**

(ii) The following written question has been received from Diane Montgomery.

**“The Living Rent campaign support the aims and recommendations of the Private Rented Sector scrutiny panel and ask if they could be one of the groups involved in the Rent Smart Partnership Agreement?”**

(iii) The following written question has been received from Jacqueline Madders.

**"Will the council consider reviewing the customer service policy in the housing departments, to having recorded phone calls in line with other businesses to prevent the constant intimidation and bullying that so many are experiencing ?”**



**DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting of the Council for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes.

**Request for deferral of item 22 – Homelessness Policy Petition  
Recommendations to next meeting**

Housing and New Homes Committee, Please consider this deputation in which I along with supporting current and previous residents ask for my common sense emergency accommodation proposals and subsequent Green & Tory Amendments be allowed to roll over into the next committee meeting.

Having spent this campaigning tirelessly for the voiceless and vulnerable this year, I feel that giving me less than 24 hours from release of the reports is not long enough for me, residents and service providers to fully review the recommendations proposed from the officers reports.

It seems appropriate that tenants with disabilities & health conditions should be involved in decisions that affect them. Considering recent events including two deaths and a fire it only seems fair that the council take this into account and makes adjustments so that tenants can have their say. At this time tenants need to feel reassured that the council has their safety & well-being in mind and should actively seek to involve. A delay would help this process.

The response from others like myself in emergency and temporary accommodation have phenomenal, so I went on to co ETHRAG which is a fully constitutionalised & democratic residents association. We have had two public meetings and will meet again until the 19th October, having discussed these points with ETHRAG residents, they/we feel that we as a group need time to discuss and agree a way forward.

I am also concerned with the 5 year local connection rule proposed, this would affect vulnerable LGBT people, who are enticed to Brighton and Hove for its equality and diversity values, I hope the committee review these findings with the LGBT community in mind.

So I along with the following professionals, groups and concerned residents ask that this area of consideration be moved to the next meeting. We also invite Councillors to come along to a residents meeting to see the group in action.

Supported and Endorsed

Daniel Harris, Campaigner, ETHRAG Founder and Resident

Sheona Nicol, Chair ETHRAG, Resident Bay Tree,

Maggie Lindsay, ETHRAG Member, Mother & Resident

Iona Schofield, ETHRAG Rep, Resident

Anthony Coyne, Hidden Homeless Resident

The Living Rent Campaign,

LGBT Brighton & Hove Network

Aaron Hushie, Homeless Resident.

Chelsea Daltrey, ETHRAG Member,

Joanna Rowland - Stuart - Volunteer Policy Officer and Trans/Disability rep for Brighton LGBT Community Safety Forum.  
Sonia Daltrey - ETHRAG Member,  
Robert Anthony, East Brighton Ward Resident  
Miriam Binder, East Brighton Ward Resident  
Leanne Long, ETHRAG Rep, BayTree Resident,  
Sabina Taylor, ETHRAG Treasurer, BayTree Resident  
Lina Tolbot, East Brighton Ward Resident  
Wayne Lewis,  
Kevin Chivers,