



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

Overview & Scrutiny

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| Title: | Adult Social Care & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee |
| Date: | 22 October 2009 |
| Time: | 4.00pm |
| Venue | Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall |
| Members: | Councillors: Meadows (Chairman), Wrighton (Deputy Chairman), Allen, Barnett, Janio, Pidgeon, Taylor and Wells |
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| 28. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Draft minutes of the meeting held on 03 September 2009 (copy attached). | 3 - 8 |
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29. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

30. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None have been received.

31. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

A letter has been received from Councillor Christine Simpson:

“I am writing to ask that a request be put to the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee, or the Overview and Scrutiny Commission to examine, as a matter of urgency, the financial position of the Housing Revenue Account and the impact on responsive repairs, voids, emergency repairs and Decent Homes work.

It is alarming to hear that some budgets in these areas have been spent to a point where work for the rest of the financial year will be curtailed. I feel that the council needs to understand how this position has been reached half way through the financial year and why the situation has been concealed from councillors and our council tenants.

Councillors' casework is beginning to show that promised repairs are being put off until after April 2010 and tenants have even been told that no more Health and Safety works will be carried out at this time.

The Scrutiny Review or Panel should also look at what should be done to recover from this position.”

Yours sincerely

Christine Simpson

Labour Councillor Hollingdean and Stanmer Ward

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32. MEMBER TRAINING SESSION ON THE RESOURCE ALLOCATION SYSTEM

Training session.

33. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND COMMISSIONING STRATEGY

Further information on plans to develop mental health commissioning in the city (discussion).

34. SOCIAL CARE GREEN PAPER

Additional information on local consultation in relation to the Green Paper on Social Care (discussion).

35. DECENT HOMES

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Report of the Director of Adult Social Care and Housing (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Nick Hibberd

Tel: 293756

Ward Affected: All Wards;

36. ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING REPORT

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Report of the Director of Adult Social Care & Housing (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Karin Divall

Tel: 29-4478

Ward Affected: All Wards;

37. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO CABINET OR THE RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

38. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

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