HOUSING & NEW HOMES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 22(d) (ii)

19 September 2018

Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

GREEN, CONSERVATIVE & LABOUR & CO-OPERATIVE GROUPS DEATHS IN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

This Committee notes that as a matter of urgency, a report is due to come to the next Housing & New Homes Committee regarding issues at Kendal Court, Newhaven and requests that it should provide:

- Information on the numbers of deaths in all the different forms of temporary and emergency accommodation over the last 2 years
- Information of the support services that residents can access in Newhaven and a comparison with those available to residents in Brighton and Hove (including rough sleepers). Including any changes to the support provided over the last 2 years
- A review of the support needs of the 54 residents of Kendal court, analysis of how well they are being met and what steps may need to be taken should more support be needed
- Information about management in regard to managing the block and an assessment of the effectiveness
- An independent survey of residents to identify their issues and concerns that we may seek to address.

Proposed by: Cllr Gibson Seconded by: Cllr Mears Seconded by: Cllr Meadows

Supporting Information:

There have been 7 deaths of residents over a period of 2 years at Kendal Court, Newhaven; and 5 of these have occurred in the last few months. Whilst it is recognised that people living in temporary accommodation can be vulnerable and are going through a difficult time in their lives, this has to be a concern.

We fully support officers and welcome that, as a matter of urgency; they will be providing a full report investigating many of these issues to the next housing committee.

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