# HOUSING & NEW HOMES COMMITTEE

# Agenda Item 39(b)

Brighton & Hove City Council

#### WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

The following questions have been received from Councillors and will be responded to by the Chair, Councillor Meadows. A Member who asked a question may ask one relevant supplementary question which shall we put and answered without discussion.

#### (1) Councillor Gibson

As of 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2018, how much HRA borrowing had been undertaken and how much was still available underneath the borrowing cap in force at that time?

### (2) Councillor Gibson

For 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 up until 1st of November:

- (a) How many council homes have been sold under the right to buy?
- (b) How many sheltered units have been decommissioned?

And for the same period (above) what is the total number of:

- (a) New council homes built
- (b) "Hidden council homes" created
- (c) Homes bought under the home purchase policy
- (d) Temporary accommodation units provided by conversion of decommissioned sheltered housing

## (3) Councillor Gibson

Can the new homes schemes modelled (in answer to question 8 to full council on April 19<sup>th</sup> 2018) as estimates using estimates of borrowing and build costs be modelled inputting the actual build cost and the actual capital charges (or if this is not easy to establish using the weighted average capital charge on actual borrowing taken out since 2015) of the loans used to fund the schemes over a 60 year period to establish the projected surplus/deficit based on more accurate inputs?

#### (4) Councillor Gibson

Please provide the total legal costs to the HRA incurred in all activities incurred taking 40+ leaseholders on the Bristol estate to tribunal and break these costs down between the total external payment and internal recharges from the councils own legal services?

#### (5) Councillor Gibson

(a) For the written question to full council on July 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 headed "net costs of spot purchase and short term accommodation" a table was provided which excluded the cost of council staff time managing and operating the service.

- Please can the cost of staff operating and managing the service be provided for each of the years from 2013/14 to 2017/18 (for which it is known)?
- (b) Information requested in the question about the number of places provided for individuals/households was not answered, so can the total number of accommodation units provided by the different providers be given for each year along with the average cost per person/household per night that is charged?

#### (6) Councillor Gibson

- (a) For the written question to full council on July 19th 2018 asking for a breakdown of net costs surpluses (i.e. net of HB income) for different categories a table was provided which excluded the cost of council staff time managing and operating the service. Please can this cost be provided for each of the years from 2013/14 to 2017/18 (for which it is known) for each of the 4 categories?
- (b) Information requested in the question about the number of places provided by each category over each of the years was not answered, so can the total number of accommodation units provided in each category be given for each year along with the average cost per person/household per night that is charged within each category?