

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

(b) WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The following written questions have been received for the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting to be held on the 10 July 2018:

(l) **Question submitted by Councillor Sykes to Policy, Resources and Growth Committee on the 6th of December 2018 and referred to the Health and Wellbeing Board**

Given the extraordinary pressure on local authority finances including those of our council, and the particular stresses in Adult Social Care budgets, can Cllr Yates advise on the council Administration's response to apparent competition between BHCC and our local CCG for residential and nursing bed spaces in the city and the fact that this might be unnecessarily driving up prices, thereby impacting on budgets?

(c) MEMBERS LETTERS

LETTER RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR NICK TAYLOR

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21st January 2019

Dear Geoff,

I request that this letter is included in the next agenda of the Health and Wellbeing Board under the Council's procedural rule 23.3.

Homelessness and rough sleeping are a major issue in the city of Brighton and Hove. At the last election in 2017 the Government committed itself to abolishing rough sleeping within a decade. Whilst this is a laudable aim, I believe that we can do much better in Brighton and Hove.

The Government has made significant amounts of grant money available to tackle rough sleeping and previous Board meetings have discussed how this money will make a tangible difference to our rough sleepers; such as the £495,000 grant that has enabled the development of the rough sleeping hub as detailed at the 10th July meeting.

Nevertheless, the Council's governance of rough sleeping is confused. The Administration bears responsibility of this by hiving off this responsibility from the Housing and New Homes Committee to the Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities and Equalities Committees, and residual matters handled by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

This tripartite arrangement is confusing and leads to ineffective decision making. The lack of effective oversight means Government grant money and Council efforts are not monitored effectively.

I therefore wish to put the Conservative Group position on record that these functions should be returned to the Housing and New Homes Committee; or at the very least brought under the purview of a single body.

I also request that the Health and Wellbeing Board consider this matter and requests the Chair to make representations to the Constitutional Working Group which is currently assessing the effectiveness of these arrangements.

Kind regards,

Cllr. Nick Taylor

