# AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

## Agenda Item 58(b)

**Brighton & Hove City Council** 

#### QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

#### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by a member of the public.

The question will be answered without discussion. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion. The person to whom a question, or supplementary question, has been put may decline to answer it.

The following written question has been received from members of the public.

### 1. "Rough Sleeping Statistics" report by Mark Dallen - Item 62 - Jim Deans

"The report shows that the count was at fault the moment it began. Management within council were aware and agreed that snow was expected with wind chill sub-zero. The Head of Housing spoke to me on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018, asking why SWEP was not planned to open.

Why was the figure then used by council to claim a 64% drop in rough sleeping when by the reports criteria on "Rough Sleeping" the numbers clearly have increased. Are council aware that this is a slap in the face to those front-line volunteers including Sussex Homeless Support?"