COUNCIL	Agenda Item 46
28 January 2010	Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:		**Students in the Community: Overview & Scrutiny Report**		
Date of Meeting:		**28 January 2010**		
Report of:		**The Director of Strategy and Governance**		
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Wards Affected:	All			

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 The Council's Constitution (Part 6, Paragraph 15.4) requires reports from Overview & Scrutiny Ad Hoc Panels and Select Committees, together with the Executive response to these reports, to be submitted to full Council for information.

1.2 This report presents the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee (ASCHOSC) ad hoc panel report on "Students in the Community" (**Appendix 1**) and the Cabinet response (November 12 2009) to the ad hoc panel report (**Appendix 2**) along with an extract from the minutes of the relevant cabinet meeting (**Appendix 3**) and further information on the detailed implementation of the recommendations **(Appendix 4).**

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That Members note the ASCHOSC ad hoc panel report on Students in the Community (**Appendix 1**) and the Cabinet response to this report (**Appendix 2**).

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 In Autumn 2008, ASCHOSC members agreed to form an ad hoc panel to investigate issues relating to growing numbers of students in the city, and their interaction with settled communities, particularly in the central and eastern parts of Brighton.

3.2 The panel comprised Councillors Tony Janio, Anne Meadows and Georgia Wrighton, with Councillor Meadows elected as Chairman.

3.2 The panel held several evidence gathering meetings, interviewing council officers, officers from the city's two universities, student union representatives, representatives of landlord associations and a large number of local residents (including students living in the city).

3.3 The ad hoc panel report was endorsed by ASCHOSC at its 05 March 2009 meeting. The ad hoc panel report and its appendices is included as **Appendix 1** to this report.

3.4 The matter was initially considered by the Council's Cabinet at its 23 April 2009 meeting, where it was decided to refer the report on to the Strategic Housing Partnership (SHP) in order to inform the SHP's development of a student housing strategy.

3.5 The issue was considered again by Cabinet at its 12 November 2009 meeting. An extract of the relevant minutes is included as **Appendix 2** to this report.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken in relation to this report.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 As this report is to note only there are no direct financial implications, however members should be aware of the implications outlined in the appended reports.

Legal Implications:

5.2 As indicated in paragraphs 1.1 and 2.1 above, and in accordance with the council's procedure rules on overview and scrutiny, this report is purely for Council to note. There are no further legal implications arising directly from the report.

Lawyer consulted: Oliver Dixon Date: 08 January 2010

Equalities Implications:

5.3 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Report of the ASCHOSC ad hoc panel on "Students in the Community"
2. The Executive Response
3. Extract from the minutes of 12 November 2009 Cabinet
4. Additional information supplied on the implementation of the recommendations

Documents in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

The Council's Constitution