

Council	Agenda Item 94(a)
24 March 2011	Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

CONSERVATIVE GROUP

INVESTING IN THE CITY'S HOUSING

“This Council welcomes the close involvement of Brighton & Hove’s tenants and leaseholders in deciding how housing services are planned and delivered in the City and in setting the Council’s housing budget strategy for 2011-12. Their identified priorities include:

- continued investment in the Turning the Tide strategy to tackle anti-social behaviour and reduce social exclusion;
- identifying measures to tackle overcrowding through an enhanced housing options approach
- Leasing properties to Brighton & Hove Seaside Community Homes, the housing company set up by the council to raise investment for improvements to council tenants’ homes.
- Working in partnership to develop an estates masterplan to inform best use of our assets and identify opportunities to build new Council homes.
- Maximising the level of revenue resources available to support the Decent Homes Programme and working with residents to ensure that we are able to respond to opportunities to generate renewable energy.

Therefore, this Council notes with regret that this strategy and programme of council housing investment – as laid out in the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2011/12 - did not receive unanimous support from the Full Council on 3rd March

Therefore, this Council resolves:

- to place on record its sincere gratitude to the city’s tenants and leaseholders for all their excellent partnership working with the Council in helping to deliver improvements to their housing;
- to continue to involve them closely in budget and policy setting, which affect their lives and homes;
- to request that the Chief Executive writes to the Housing Minister – Grant Shapps MP - highlighting the excellent partnership working taking place in Brighton & Hove.”

Proposed by: Cllr Mary Mears

Seconded by: Cllr Maria Caulfield

Supported by: Cllrs Oxley, Young, Alford, Brown, Fallon-Khan, Smith, Simson, Bennett, K. Norman, A. Norman, Peltzer Dunn, Older, Cobb, Pidgeon, C. Theobald, G. Theobald, Hyde, Kemble, Harmer-Strange, Barnett, Janio and Drake.

