

Council	Agenda Item 51(a)
15 December 2011	Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

GREEN GROUP

NEW MEASURES NEEDED TO ADDRESS HOUSING CRISIS

“This council expresses its concern at the range of ineffectual policies introduced by the Coalition Government to address the housing crisis facing Brighton and Hove and the rest of the nation. Furthermore, it believes Ministers should stand back and pause and reflect as they have done in other policy areas and reconsider their proposals.

It therefore requests the Chief Executive of Brighton and Hove City Council to write to Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne and Communities Secretary Eric Pickles urging them to take action to deal with the housing crisis by:

1. Diverting a proportion of the £75 billion of quantitative easing away from the banks and devoting it to launching a national social housing building programme of 100,000 homes a year over the next three years, to shorten the national housing waiting list and create thousands of jobs and apprenticeships and training in the building industry, the building supply chain and professional services like architects and surveyors;
2. Ending the sale of council homes and abandoning their proposals to increase Right to Buy discounts for council tenants; and
3. Abandoning plans to introduce 80 per cent market rents for new housing association homes and relets and new council homes, which will lead to increased housing hardship and homelessness.

It also calls on the city’s three MPs to lobby Ministers in support of the council’s case on these three points.”

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Supported by: Cllrs Kennedy, Davey, Buckley, Bowden, Deane, Duncan, Follett, Hawtree, Jarrett, Jones, A Kitcat, J Kitcat, Littman, MacCafferty, Phillips, Powell, Rufus, Shanks, Summers, Sykes and West.

