

NOTICE OF MOTION**LABOUR & CO-OPERATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT****NEW MEASURES NEEDED TO ADDRESS HOUSING CRISIS**

Delete text as struck through in paragraphs two (point 1.) and three(point 2.) below and replace with text as shown in bold italics.

“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~~ ***Creating a realistic plan for jobs and growth to get our economy moving again and help get the deficit down in a steadier and more balanced way, such as:***
 - a) ***a £2 billion tax on bank bonuses to fund jobs for young people and build more affordable homes;***
 - b) ***bringing forward long-term investment projects, including homes, schools and transport – to get people back to work and strengthen our economy for the future;***
 - c) ***a one year cut in VAT to 5% on home improvements, repairs and maintenance – to help homeowners.***
2. ~~Ending the sale of council homes and~~ ***Abandoning their proposals to increase Right to Buy discounts for council tenants and pursuing a local self-financing Housing Revenue Account, as introduced by former Housing Minister, John Healey MP, which would allow all proceeds from the sale of council houses to be reinvested back into building extra housing stock, enabling the council to reduce the housing waiting list, as well as create local jobs, apprenticeships and training in the building industry and its supply chain by building new affordable homes on brownfield land;*** 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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