

**HOUSING MANAGEMENT
CONSULTATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE**

12 February 2013

Agenda Item 44(c)

Brighton & Hove City Council

Letter from Sheltered Action Housing Group

At the Sheltered housing action group meeting on 9th January tenant representatives expressed concern that recent new tenants require more care and attention. Sheltered housing is changing and new tenants being housed more and more care and attention and scheme managers time is being devoted to these tenants to the detriment of the rest of the tenants. We are close to the time we will require more scheme managers to cope with the situation so S.H.A.G. ask Council to consider increasing the Sheltered budget, bearing in mind it is cheaper to keep tenants in their own home than try to accommodate them in nursing homes. Sheltered can help complex needs tenants be independent for longer.

As Sheltered housing is moving away from it's original purpose and new tenants have higher and more complex needs, we will have to alter services to cope with the care of these tenants. The current structure of on site scheme managers needs to be improved to cover for the extra attention these more complex tenants need. The existing tenants do not receive the attention they have been used to or also need.

At the last meeting representatives voiced concern over this issue and would urge Council to increase the budget so the services provided can be maintained and improved.

Central government has a 300 million pound fund to provide care for the elderly. That would do nicely.

Charles Penrose Chair.

