

Council	Agenda Item 52(h)
29 January 2009	Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

GREEN GROUP

EASING THE CITY'S HOUSING CRISIS

This council notes with regret the calamitous effects of the recession on the city's regeneration programme, which has left many development sites in Brighton and Hove in limbo and the affordable house-building programme in disarray.

It also notes the empty buildings on some these sites, which could be used to help tackle the city's housing crisis by providing homes for some of the 11,000 households with their names on the Brighton and Hove housing waiting list and the many more who fill the ranks of the hidden homeless in the city.

The council therefore asks:

1. The Cabinet to consider the possibilities of carrying out an audit of all development sites to identify any buildings that could be brought back into use on a temporary basis for housing and other purposes.
2. The Chief Executive write to the government and the Housing and Communities Agency to make short-life funding available through the social housing programme 2008/11 to make suitable buildings habitable as homes.
3. The Chief Executive to write to the city's three MPs to support the council's call for short-life funding.

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