

**NOTICE OF MOTION**  
**GREEN GROUP**  
**SMART RENT CONTROLS**

“This Council resolves:

- (1) To support campaigns for ‘smart rent controls’ to prevent rents spiralling even further out of control, and to give stability and security to renters and landlords; and
- (2) To call on the government to explore such a system with housing charities and landlords organisations, and consider bringing forward further regulation to implement controls if necessary”

Proposed by: Councillor Randall      Seconded by: Councillor

Supported by: Councillors Buckley, Bowden, Davey, Deane, Duncan, Hawtree, Jarrett, Jones, Kennedy, A Kitcat, J Kitcat, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Phillips, Powell, Rufus, Shanks, Sykes, Wakefield and West.

**Supporting Information:**

Private sector rents are a particular issue in Brighton & Hove, which has the sixth largest private rented sector in the UK. Smart rent controls would see any annual increase in rent to be inflation-linked, meaning landlords and tenants both get predictable increases. One possible model is the charity Shelter’s ‘Stable Rental Contract’, more information on which can be viewed here: <http://bit.ly/O60zH3>

Many OECD countries offer longer fixed term contracts than those available to private sector tenants in the UK, which many believe to be better for both tenants and landlords. More secure tenancies give tenants (particularly families with children) the stability they need, while guaranteeing landlords income over a period to invest in their properties.