

HOUSING COMMITTEE ADDENDUM 4 Proposed Amendments to Recommendations

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JOINT LABOUR & GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**Private Sector Housing Update Report**

That changes are made as shown in strikethrough and in ***bold italics*** below.

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- 2.2 ***Housing Committee restates its commitment in the joint housing and homelessness programme to work towards introducing selective licensing in the City of Brighton and Hove as soon as possible and to seek resources to support this.***
- 2.23 Housing Committee note the expansion of the existing Private Sector Housing enforcement team, as outlined in paragraph 3.1, and that the service will assess the impact of the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy and new legislation in this area.
- 2.34 Housing Committee note that, as outlined in paragraph 5.1, officers will seek to support renters to understand what legal remedies are available to them under the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Strategy, including any provided by new legislation in this area.
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Proposed by: Cllr Williams

Seconded by: Cllr Osborne

Recommendations to read if carried:

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