



Brighton & Hove
City Council

Overview & Scrutiny

Title:	Adult Social Care & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date:	3 November 2011
Time:	2.00pm
Venue	Committee Room 1, Hove Town Hall
Members:	Councillors: K Norman (Chair), Phillips (Deputy Chair), Buckley, Gilbey, Jones, Peltzer Dunn, Turton, Wealls and Lister (Non-Voting Co-Optee)
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Agenda Item 23

To consider the following Procedural Business:-

A. Declaration of Substitutes

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B. Declarations of Interest

- (1) To seek declarations of any personal or personal & prejudicial interests under Part 2 of the Code of Conduct for Members in relation to matters on the Agenda. Members who do declare such interests are required to clearly describe the nature of the interest.
- (2) A Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or a Select Committee has a prejudicial interest in any business at meeting of that Committee where –
 - (a) that business relates to a decision made (whether implemented or not) or action taken by the Executive or another of the Council's committees, sub-committees, joint committees or joint sub-committees; and
 - (b) at the time the decision was made or action was taken the Member was
 - (i) a Member of the Executive or that committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee and
 - (ii) was present when the decision was made or action taken.
- (3) If the interest is a prejudicial interest, the Code requires the Member concerned:-
 - (a) to leave the room or chamber where the meeting takes place while the item in respect of which the declaration is made is under consideration. [There are three exceptions to this rule which are set out at paragraph (4) below].
 - (b) not to exercise executive functions in relation to that business and

(c) not to seek improperly to influence a decision about that business.

(4) The circumstances in which a Member who has declared a prejudicial interest is permitted to remain while the item in respect of which the interest has been declared is under consideration are:-

- (a) for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the item, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise, BUT the Member must leave immediately after he/she has made the representations, answered the questions, or given the evidence,
- (b) if the Member has obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee, or
- (c) if the Member is the Leader or a Cabinet Member and has been required to attend before an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committee to answer questions.

C. Declaration of Party Whip

To seek declarations of the existence and nature of any party whip in relation to any matter on the Agenda as set out at paragraph 8 of the Overview and Scrutiny Ways of Working.

D. Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider whether, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting when any of the following items are under consideration.

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BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4.00PM 8 SEPTEMBER 2011

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors K Norman (Chair); Phillips (Deputy Chair), Buckley, Gilbey, Jones, Peltzer Dunn, Turton and Wealls

Co-opted Members: Ms Averil Fuller (BHLINK)

PART ONE

12. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

12A Declaration of Substitutes

12.1 The Link was represented by Averil Fuller (rather than Mick Lister as listed on the agenda front sheet)

12B Declarations of Interest

12.2 Cllr Wealls declared a personal interest in regard to Item 19. Cllr Wealls is a trustee of 'Impact Initiatives' a group which receives funding via Supporting People.

12C Declarations of Party Whip

12.3 There were none.

12D Exclusion of Press and Public

12.4 In accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, it was considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in section 100I (1) of the said Act.

12.5 **RESOLVED** – that the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

13. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 13.1 The Director of Adult Social Services explained to committee members that at point 5.2 of the draft minutes, the phrase “increasing the market of personal assistants” indicated that the council was working to increase the number of personal assistants available to work in the city and thereby give residents in receipt of personal care budget a greater choice of care provision.
- 13.2 The wording of point 5.6 of the draft minutes was amended, with ‘would’ replaced with ‘will’ in the fourth paragraph of this point.
- 13.3 RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman.**

14. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 The Chair voiced the committee’s thanks for all the work undertaken by the ASCHOSC scrutiny support officer Kath Vlcek. Kath is currently taking maternity leave but is expected to return to work in early summer 2012.

15. PUBLIC QUESTIONS, LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

- 15.1 There were none.

16. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT SESSION - TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIAL CARE

- 16.1 This training session was presented by Denise D’Souza, Director of Adult Social Services and Lead Commissioner, People.
- 16.2 In answer to a question regarding how the council defined sustainability in terms of low level social care services, Ms D’Souza told members that this referred to the need to fund these services within the current funding envelope. This might potentially mean charging some users for services, although detailed modelling on aspects of this has not yet concluded.
- 16.3 The Chair thanked Ms D’Souza for her presentation.

**17. ACCOMMODATION & SUPPORT PLAN FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING
DISABILITIES**

- 17.1 This item was introduced by Diana Bernhardt, Lead Commissioner for Learning Disabilities.
- 17.2 In response to a question about the availability of data on where in the city learning disabled people actually lived, Ms Bernhardt told the committee that such information

was not currently widely available, but work was ongoing with Housing to improve intelligence in this area.

- 17.3 In answer to a query as to why having an oversupply of certain types of supported housing might pose a financial risk to the council, members were informed that, if other local authorities placed some of their residents in Brighton & Hove supported housing, the financial responsibility for supporting these people could pass to the city council. There was therefore a potential risk in having a surplus of certain types of supported housing – currently the city has a surplus in accommodation for under 25s.
- 17.4 In response to a question about how many additional supported housing places were required to meet the needs of learning disabled people, members were told that we probably needed an additional 45 places across the 3 years of the plan. However, this did not necessarily equate to an additional 45 properties, not least because a tweaking of current services might supply some of these places.
- 17.5 In answer to a question as to whether the plan included targets, members were informed that the plan, as a high-level strategic document, did not currently include firm performance targets, it being the intention to detail these targets at a more operational level via the Adult Social Care Performance Framework and the ongoing work of the Learning Disabilities Partnership. However, it was agreed that it might nonetheless be sensible to include some indicative targets in the high level plan, and officers agreed to consider this before submitting the plan for executive approval.
- 17.6 In response to a question about the relationship between the Learning Disability plan and the recently concluded scrutiny panel on services for adults with Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC), members were told that the panel report had informed the plan in terms of its stress on the importance of looking at interactions with the criminal justice system (where a disproportionate percentage of both people with ASC and people with learning disabilities are typically represented). More generally, the panel report had highlighted the importance of raising awareness about ASC, something which had been taken on board when developing the Learning Disabilities plan.
- 17.7 The Director of Adult Social Services promised to consider all the committee's comments and, where appropriate, make amendments to the learning Disabilities plan before it was presented to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care for agreement.
- 17.8 The Chair thanked Ms Bernhardt for her contribution.
- 17.9 RESOLVED - That the report be noted and the minutes for this item be passed on to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care for information.**
- 18. HOUSING AND SUPPORT: PREVENTATIVE SERVICES TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL INCLUSION**
- 18.1 This item was introduced by Jugal Sharma, Lead Commissioner, Housing.
- 18.2 In response to a question about how the success of clients moving on from Supporting People support was measured (e.g. whether 'success' was measured as clients leaving supported housing or whether it was measured as clients leaving housing and then still

not requiring support after a certain period of time), Mr Sharma promised to provide details of the methodology used in writing.

18.3 In answer to a query about what supported housing providers thought the council could do better, the committee was told that they generally sought more involvement in council decision-making, particularly in terms of budget-setting.

18.4 In response to a query from a member as to the exact amount of savings generated by Supporting People funding, Mr Sharma agreed to check his figures and amend if necessary. Mr Sharma explained that the figure for cost savings was reached by comparing the cost of Supporting People support against the cost of providing a positive alternative source of support from another source.

18.5 The Chair thanked Mr Sharma for his contribution.

18.6 RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

19. COMMUNITY MEALS

19.1 This item was introduced by Phillip Letchfield, ASC Head of Performance and Contracting.

19.2 In response to a question on the typical costs of supplying community meals, the committee was told that these were likely to vary little from authority to authority, although the level of subsidy did vary considerably.

19.3 In answer to a query as to whether the council should be subsidising the cost of meals, Mr Letchfield told members that this was not necessary as all individuals were expected to pay for the cost of food from their own income, benefits etc. However, it might be necessary to pay for the cost of having meals delivered, although here it was important to distinguish between people who wanted a community meals services and those genuinely in need of it.

19.4 In response to a question of where this item had originated, members were told that it had been put forward by officers in ASC with the knowledge of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.

19.5 Members debated whether holding a workshop on this issue was a valid scrutiny activity. It was agreed that it was, but that to be effective, members attending a workshop would need to be thoroughly briefed. Briefing material should include information gleaned from 'exit interviews' with clients who chose to discontinue their community meals service, and data on the effectiveness of the 'safe and well' element of the service.

19.6 The Chair thanked Mr Letchfield for his contribution.

19.7 RESOLVED – That a workshop be held on the issue of community meals

20. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO CABINET OR THE RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

20.1 There were none, other than the minutes relating to Item 17.

21. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

21.1 There were none.

The meeting concluded at Time Not Specified

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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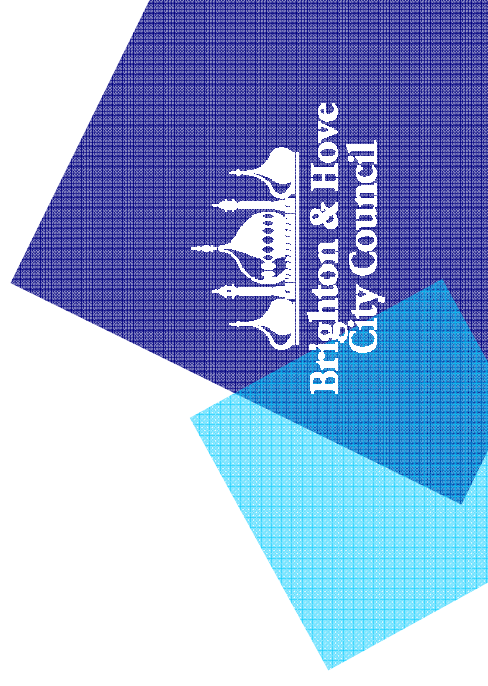
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Repairs & Improvement Partnership

Housing & Social Inclusion



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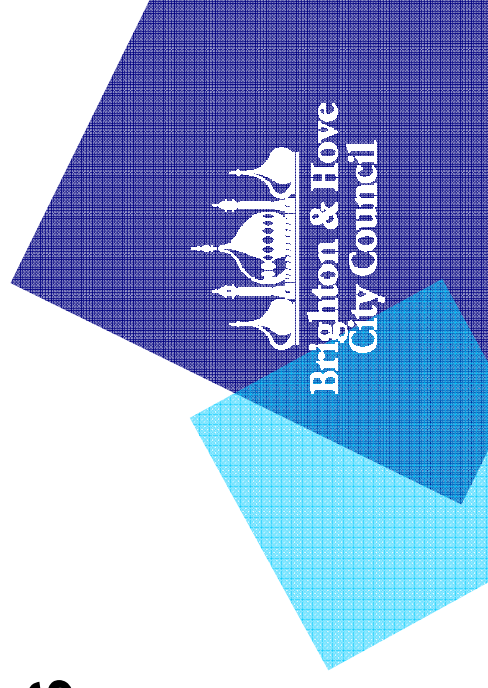


What is it?

- Ten year partnering contract
- Maintaining and improving council housing
- Call centre for all residents to call in repairs
- Apprenticeships and work opportunities
- Residents – BHCC – Mears



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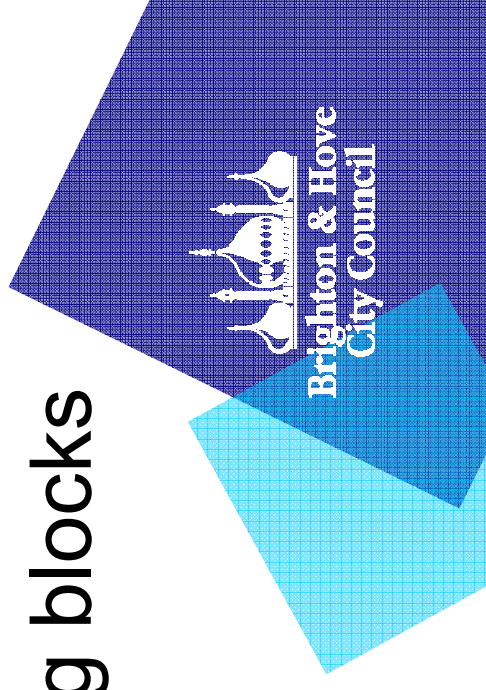


What work is included

- Responsive repairs
- Refurbishing empty properties
- New kitchens and bathrooms
- Doors and windows
- External repairs and decorations
- Major work such as cladding blocks



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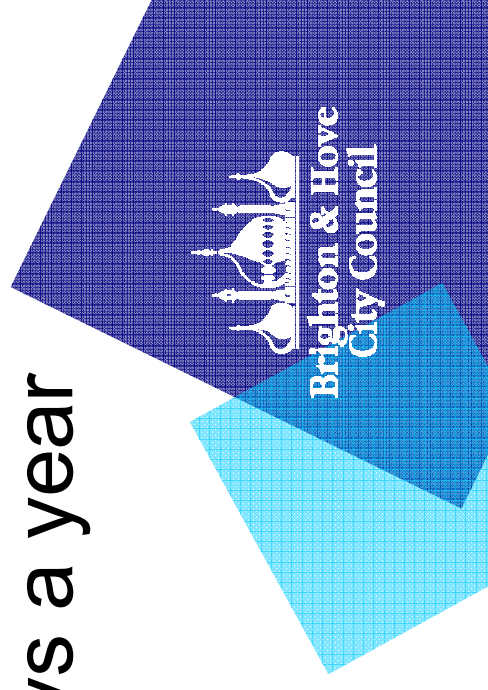


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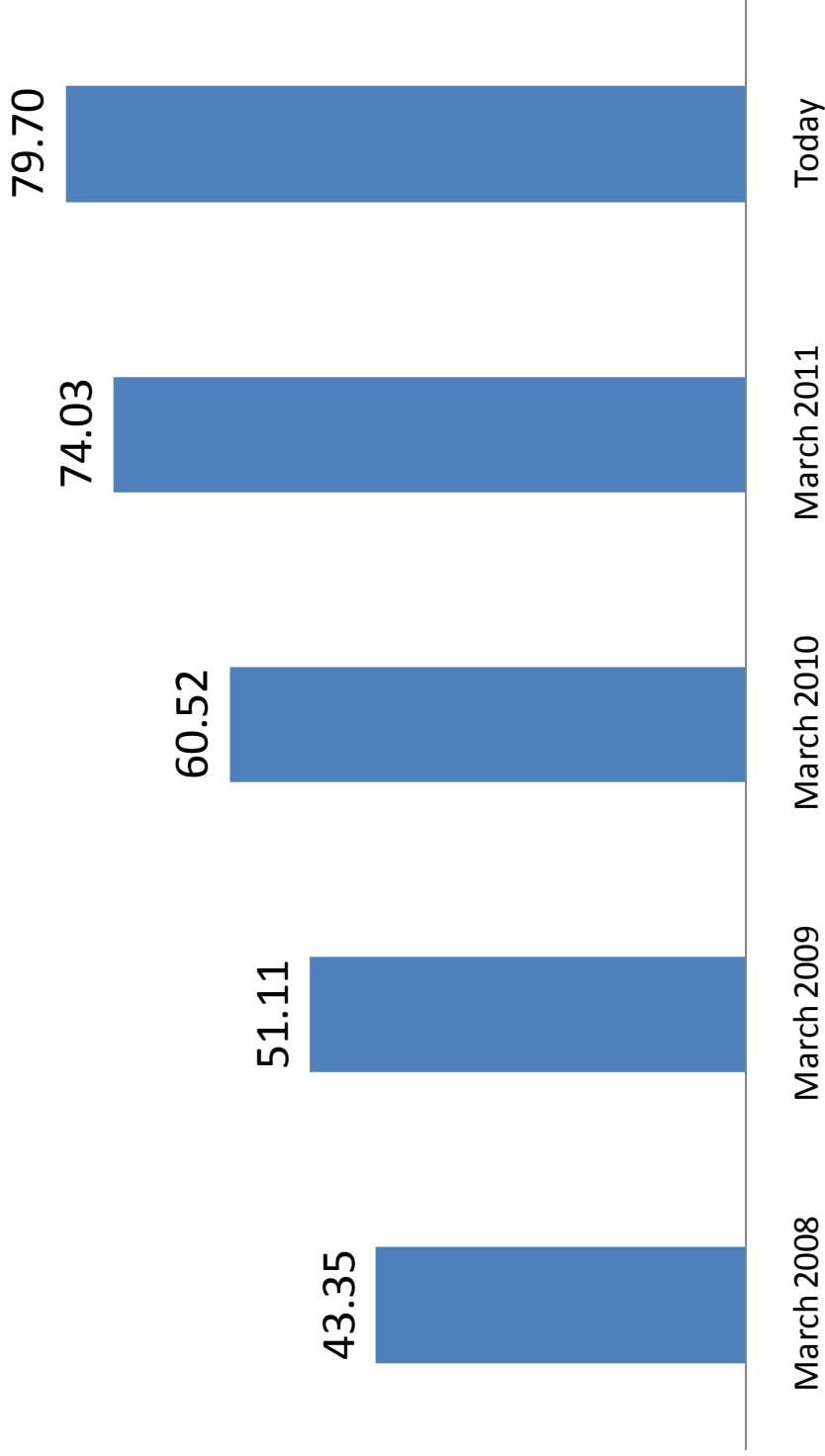
- 40,000 repairs a year (over 100 a day)
- Maintaining over 12,000 properties
- 2,500 brought up to the BH standard (so far)
- 4,000 quality inspections a year
- 8,000 customer care surveys a year



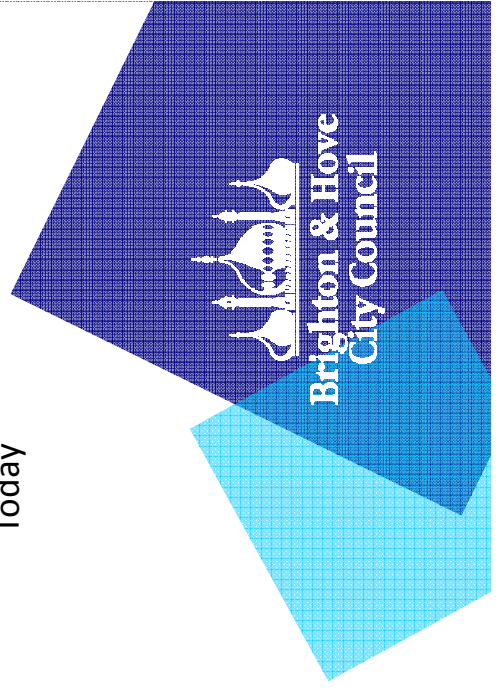
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% of homes that meet decent homes standard



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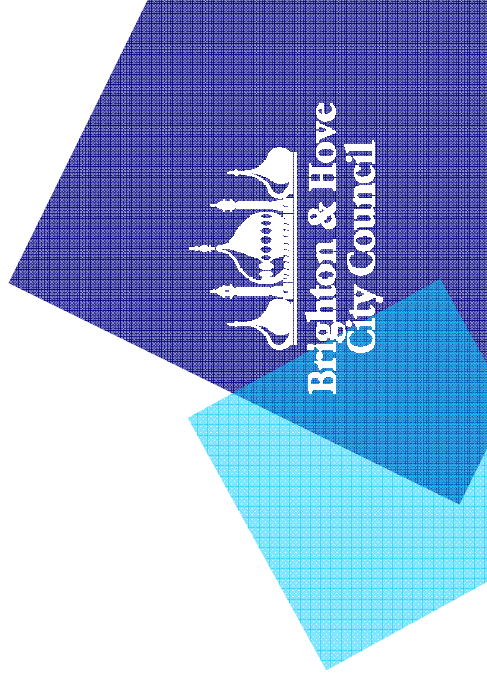


Mears Brighton & Hove Branch

- Repairs team
- Empty properties team
- Planned works team
- Estate Development Budget team
- Customer Care team
- Mears Projects



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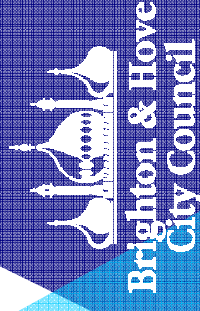


Property and Investment Team

- Manages all repair contracts
- Develops four year investment plan
- Monitors performance
- Ensures work is of a high quality
- Ensures work is value for money
- Manages mechanical & electrical contracts



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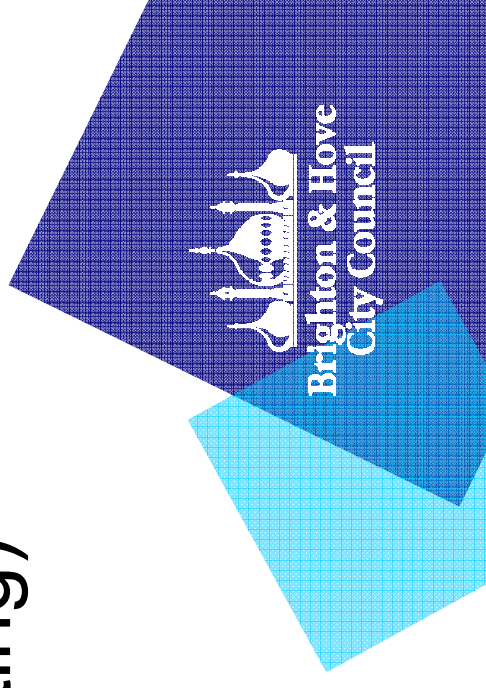


Other M&E contracts

- Lifts
- Gas
- Digital TV
- Water hygiene
- Electronics (door entry systems / fire alarms and emergency lighting)
- Ventilation



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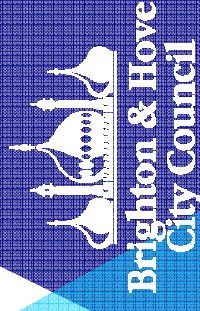


Current Performance

- Average cost of a repair - £130
- Average cost of empty property - £2,268
- Emergency repairs in time – 98.5%
- Urgent repairs in time – 95.8%
- Routine repairs in time – 98.8%
- Time to complete routine repairs – 7 days



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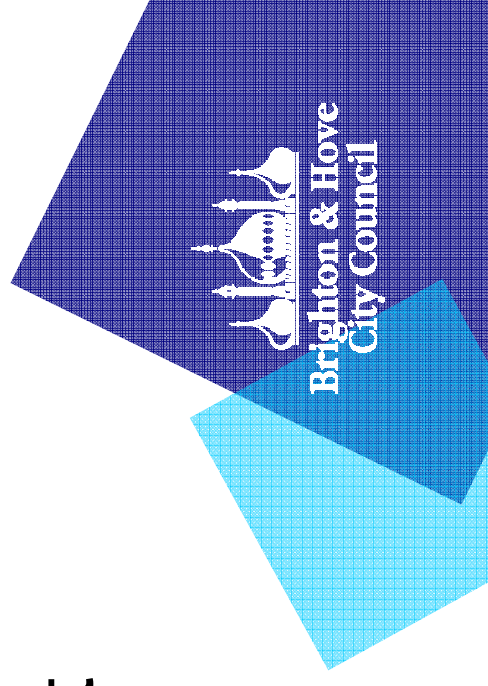


Resident satisfaction and complaints

- Last year 5,839 residents contacted
- 95.3% rated the service good or excellent
- This year 2,127 residents contacted so far
- 95.9% rated the service good or excellent
- Complaints stable at 82 per quarter
- 3 Mystery shops carried out



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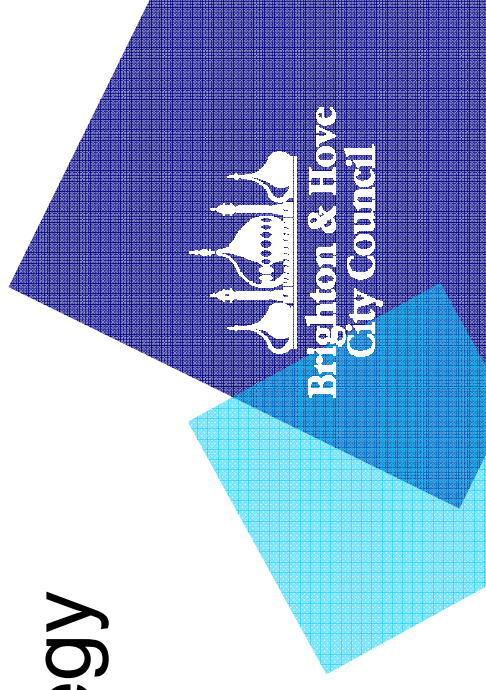


Communications

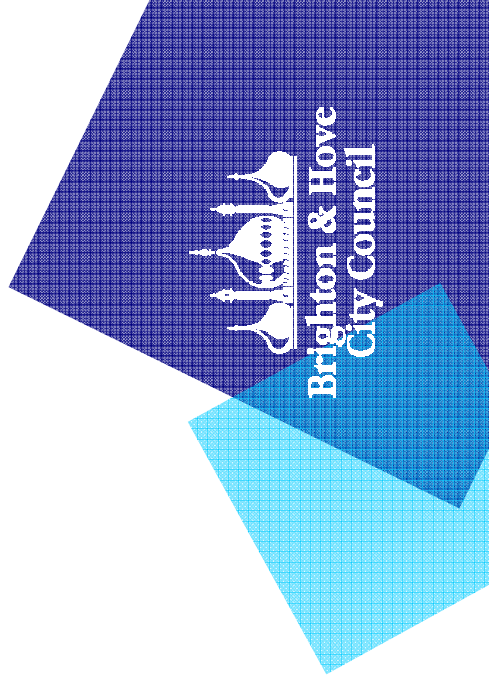
- Brighton & Hove Standard
- Contacting the partnership
- Resident Action Plan
- EDB review
- New repairs handbook
- New communications strategy



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Any questions?



ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 32

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Establishing a Tenant Scrutiny Panel
Date of Meeting: 03 November 2011
Report of: The Strategic Director, Resources
Contact Officer: Name: Giles Rossington Tel: 29-1038
E-mail: Giles.rossington@brighton-hove.gov.uk
Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report contains information on planning for a Brighton & Hove City Council Tenant Scrutiny panel (see **Appendix 1**). This information was originally presented to the Housing Management Consultative Committee on 26 September 2011.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members:

Note the contents of this report and its appendix.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 For more information on tenant scrutiny see the report to HMCC (**Appendix 1**).

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 None has been undertaken in preparing this report.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 None to this report for information – refer to Implications section in the original report (**Appendix 1**)

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 None to this report for information – refer to Implications section in the original report (**Appendix 1**)

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 None to this report for information – refer to Implications section in the original report (**Appendix 1**)

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 None

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. “Establishing a tenant scrutiny panel’: report to Housing Management Consultative Committee, 26 September 2011.

Documents in Members’ Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

None

HOUSING MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 32 Appendix 1

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Establishing a tenant scrutiny panel		
Date of Meeting:	26 September 2011		
Report of:	Strategic Director - Place		
Contact Officer:	Name:	Nick Hibberd	Tel: 291383
	E-mail:	Nick.hibberd@brighton-hove.gov.uk	
Key Decision:	No		
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report describes how, and why, a tenant scrutiny panel is being developed as a requirement for registered social landlords and outlines the proposed model and timetable for introducing it to Brighton & Hove.
- 1.2 The report follows the development of the Resident Involvement Strategy and outlines proposals for involving tenants and leaseholders in the further development and implementation of the scrutiny arrangements.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Housing Management Consultative Committee note the progress made towards establishing a tenant scrutiny panel, and the timetable for involving tenants in its further development.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The council's administration has outlined their key priorities for the city and made a number of manifesto commitments in relation to housing. The next phase of the Housing Improvement Programme will help to deliver these commitments. The priorities are:
 - Tackling Inequality
 - Creating a more sustainable city
 - Engaging people who live and work in the cityA key commitment in relation to 'engaging people who live and work in the city' is to explore how, through Scrutiny, the council's engagement with council housing tenants can be improved.

3.2 Objective 4 of draft Housing & Social Inclusion Resident Involvement Strategy is:

- Involve residents in monitoring and scrutinising our performance in delivering housing services

Residents within the tenant participation movement have expressed an interest in the development of a tenant scrutiny panel, and these discussions are reflected in the report.

Legislative Context

3.3 The current regulation of social housing is contained in the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008. However the Government has sought to achieve significant reforms to this sector. This is being delivered through both the Localism Bill and a set of five directions to the social housing regulator.¹ A consultation paper on the draft directions was produced in July 2011 by Communities and Local Government (CLG) which explains that there will be a...'*greater emphasis on local mechanisms to scrutinise performance and stronger tools for tenants to hold registered providers to account on service delivery*'.²

3.4 These draft directions state that registered providers would be expected to give tenants a wide range of opportunities to influence, and be involved in, the following areas:

- Formulating their landlord's housing related policies and priorities
- Making decisions about how housing related services are delivered, including setting service standards
- Scrutinising their landlord's performance and recommending how performance might be improved
- The management of their homes (where applicable)
- The management of repair and maintenance services

3.5 Registered providers would be expected to help their tenants to achieve the above by '*...supporting the formation and activities of tenant panels or equivalent groups*'.³ This direction sits alongside the provision in the Localism Bill for tenant panels that have been recognised as a designated person for the purpose of referring complaints to the Housing Ombudsman. It is recognised that tenant panels may not choose to fulfil this role.

3.6 This approach is known as 'co-regulation' and its aim is to improve service delivery, governance and performance. As it has developed, the focus has become on replacing the framework of inspection and auditing social housing with a system where the onus is placed on residents to identify

¹ These directions build on the Regulatory Framework which set out six standards developed by the TSA that registered social housing providers were expected to meet from April 2010

http://www.tenantservicesauthority.org/upload/pdf/Regulatory_framework_for_social_housing_in_England_from_2010.pdf

² <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/1936126.pdf>

³ *ibid*

issues of concern. Therefore, tenant scrutiny provides a formal route to raise these concerns with their housing provider

What issues could be suitable for tenant scrutiny?

- 3.7 The Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) recommend that a mix of staff-selected and tenant-selected areas are considered. This is similar to current scrutiny practice in Brighton & Hove. CIH also suggest that a good place to start scrutinising is looking at service delivery. According to the CIH, this kind of regulation should be characterised by:
- Independence from other governance and management structures
 - Formality in operation
 - Power to effect change

Current Housing Structures in Brighton & Hove

- 3.8 The council currently has a number of tenant forums through which types of scrutiny are undertaken.

Area Panels

These are four geographically based groupings made up of locally elected representatives from the seventy two associations. They consider issues relating to the Council's role as landlord, including performance, services, budgets, delivery, and policy

Housing Management Consultative Committee (HMCC)

The HMCC considers reports for the Cabinet Member for Housing on the discharge of the Council's functions as a housing landlord before decisions are taken. The Committee makes recommendations and includes non-voting tenant representatives.

The Committee has the following advisory functions:

- Housing Management
 - Tenant Consultation
- 3.9 In addition, various tenant working groups and panels exist that undertake specific pieces of work. Representatives on these groups and on HMCC are largely nominated from the area panels.

How tenant scrutiny could operate in Brighton & Hove

- 3.10 Initial discussions between Tenants, the Housing Department, Scrutiny and the Executive have resulted in a draft set of principles which now require further discussion. These are that a tenant scrutiny panel could:
- be made up of tenants only (including a leaseholder)
 - provide an independent check of housing services and challenge, in order to shape, influence and drive up standards and performance
 - form part of the family of scrutiny committees
 - reflect the demographic profile of tenants in the city

- have a range of powers e.g. to compel officers to attend scrutiny meetings, rights to information, power to receive and consider 'Requests for Scrutiny' from HMCC or the wider tenant body, and the right to make recommendations that are responded to within given timescales

4 INVOLVING TENANTS IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING THE SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS

- 4.1 Members of the Tenant Compact Monitoring Group (TCMG) have been consulted on the contents of this report and will oversee the delivery of the Resident Involvement Strategy. The Cabinet Member for Housing has made clear her commitment to building on the excellent work of everyone currently involved in community participation by seeking further opportunities to extend involvement in ways and on matters that residents prefer, including establishing arrangements for tenant scrutiny. This is as part of the new Administrations manifesto commitment to widen engagement.
- 4.2 The Cabinet Member for Housing will establish an innovation group, working with the Tenant Compact Monitoring Group and other residents to see how we can make an even bigger difference to engagement, and enabling residents to play a part in helping monitor and improve their housing services. Work will also include using technology to widen participation, listening to a range of ideas for how we can remove any current barriers to involvement, and establishing with residents the type of scrutiny arrangements they would like to see in place. A key task for the innovation group will be to examine options for developing tenant scrutiny.
- 4.3 The indicative timetable for working with residents to develop final proposals for establishing tenant scrutiny is outlined below.

Launch engagement process	September 2011
Cabinet Member Innovation Group to lead development process	September 2011 – January 2012
Area Panels	September/October
City Assembly	November 2011
Range of engagement initiatives and events	September/December 2011
Report back with final proposals and recommendations for establishing Tenant Scrutiny (and wider resident involvement)	January 2012

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 Any costs associated with involving tenants and leaseholders in developing and implementing the scrutiny arrangements will be met from the current Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for 2011/12 and reported as part of the monthly budget monitoring process as necessary.

Finance Officer Consulted: Monica Brooks

Date: 05/09/11

- 5.2 As the proposals for a Tenant Scrutiny Panel are still at an early stage, it is not necessary to consider the specific legal and Human Rights Act implications arising. However, as the Panel's remit and processes are developed, Legal Services will need to consider them.

Lawyer Consulted: Liz Woodley

Date: 14/09/11

Equalities Implications

- 5.3 An Equalities Impact Assessment will be carried out on final proposals for establishing tenant scrutiny.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None in relation to this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None in relation to this report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 None in relation to this report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 None in relation to this report

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 The Cabinet Member Innovation Group will be tasked with considering and evaluating different options for establishing tenant scrutiny (and widening inclusive participation), and will report back in January 2012.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 To provide Housing Management Consultative Committee with an update on proposals to establish tenant scrutiny in Brighton & Hove.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None.

Documents In Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None