FULL COUNCIL	Agenda Item 56
21 October 2021	Brighton & Hove City Council

## LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

## PROTECT RESIDENTS THIS WINTER

That deletions are made as shown with strikethrough below and additions are made as shown in **bold italics** below.

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Proposed by: Cllr Evans Seconded by: Cllr Appich

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