

Brighton & Hove City Council

Housing Committee

Agenda Item 53 (d)

Subject: Council placement of Homeless People and Rough Sleepers

Notice of Motion from the Conservative Group

Date of meeting: 19 January 2022

Proposer: Councillor Mears
Seconder: Councillor Meadows

Ward(s) affected: All

This Council:

- a) Notes that Housing Committee has reported receiving Government funding totaling £21,272,376 million to address homelessness and rough sleeping (see link 1);
- b) Has placed homeless people and rough sleepers in accommodation without adequate support, including:
 - i. At Kendal Court, significant failings of the Council have been identified in an Independent Report titled 'Returning to Kendal Court', September 2021 (see link 2)
 - ii. At Eastbourne, there have sadly been a number of fatalities in out-of-area placements;
- c) Further notes, that a resident fleeing from unsafe accommodation provided by Brighton & Hove City Council in Eastbourne, pitched a tent at Old Steine Gardens for several weeks to escape the situation;
- d) Calls on Audit & Standards Committee to commission a report to audit all Government funding received to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping through the pandemic; and
- e) Calls on the Administration to send an urgent report to Housing Committee to take emergency action to ensure homeless people and rough-sleepers placed in accommodation by Brighton & Hove City Council have proper 24-hour support to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

Supporting Information:

Link 1: Questions and answers – Housing Committee 22 September 2021

<https://www.brightonhoveconservativecouncillors.com/news/questions-and-answers-housing-committee-22-september-2021>

Link 2: Report – Returning to Kendal Court – September 2021

<https://www.brightonhoveconservativecouncillors.com/news/returning-kendal-court-independent-review>

