

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 63(b)

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Public Questions
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Wards Affected: All

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1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive any questions submitted to Democratic Services.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.2 That the Committee responds to the questions.

3. Questions:

1. From Evie Martin (Park Life Brighton)

We are aware that a lot of money is generated from housing within the Whitehawk Area, we are asking housing to add £50,000, to the already existing £40,000 given by City Parks, to the project of a new park installation at the north of Whitehawk.

We already know from years of experience of underfunded parks that £40,000 will not cover the high volume usage from Children and families that desperately need Park accessibility, many living within the high rise blocks surrounding the park so therefor don't have garden access.

Yours Evie Martin

2. From Les Gunbie

Last year, in response to a Hanover Action question at November Housing Committee on the Warmer Homes initiative it was stated that a detailed timetable of spending for the Warmer Homes budget (£4.8 million) would be made available early in 2022. It is now March 2022 - please can this timetable be provided.

Yours Les Gunbie

3. From Charles Harrison

Under today's Agenda item 67, the latest Housing progress and Performance report includes an impressive level of detail which should be really helpful in identifying issues and shaping new policies and action plans.

However, I note that some indicators may be indicating some significant issues, e.g.:

- *Progress in providing more new Council Homes and affordable homes, including Temporary accommodation, 27.5% living wage and social homes*
- *Shortfall in number of sites allocated for CLT development*
- *Deferred research on ethical loans*
- *Deferred advice/support for private renters*
- *Actual increase in rough sleeping in 2021*
- *Progress in implementing energy efficiency/sustainability strategies*

What actions are proposed by the Council to address these issues?

Yours Charles Harrison