

NOTICE OF MOTION**GREEN GROUP****TRULY AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT BRIGHTON GENERAL SITE**

This Council notes that the Brighton General Hospital site is a public asset, and as such should be used for public good; prioritising NHS use first and foremost with any spare land used for truly affordable housing.

This Council therefore requests:

1. A report to be provided to Housing and New Homes Committee, detailing the availability of land at the site and the most appropriate ways in which to develop it for truly affordable housing, including options for development by the Joint Venture, B&H Community Land Trust, directly by the Council, or a combination.
2. That the Chief Executive writes to partners at Sussex Community NHS Trust, to communicate the will of the Council expressed in this Notice of Motion, so that all parties can conduct negotiations with this in mind.

Proposed by: Cllr Druitt

Seconded by: Cllr Gibson

Supporting Information:

- Sussex Community Foundation Trust has set out a number of options for the Brighton General Hospital site, with plans funded through the sale of the hospital buildings. Many of the buildings are intended for the creation of housing. A recent meeting of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC, 27th June) discussed the feasibility of key worker and supported housing at the site.
- The 'Affordable Cities Review' by Lloyds Bank ranked Brighton and Hove as the 6th least affordable place to live in the UK. A recent report by the Public Accounts Committee cited the lack of affordable homes as a major impediment to the supply of permanent key workers in the NHS, particularly in areas where it is expensive to rent and buy property.
<http://www.independentnurse.co.uk/news/the-housing-crisis-for-health-staff/141963>

