

NOTICE OF MOTION**GREEN GROUP****HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SERVICES
FOR YOUNG LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANS PEOPLE
IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE**

“This council:

1. Acknowledges the work of the city’s housing services in helping young Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans (LGBT) homeless people in Brighton and Hove.
2. Notes the findings of the report, *Count me in too (LGBT lives in Brighton and Hove)*, which was published in 2008 by the University of Brighton and Spectrum.
3. In particular, it notes the section on homelessness, which reveals that 18 per cent of LGBT young people who have moved to Brighton and Hove in the past five years have been homeless in the city and that many of them have experienced abuse, harassment or violence at the hands of a family member or someone close to them.
4. Also notes that 57 per cent of those who have experienced homelessness in the city told University of Brighton/ Spectrum researchers they would like to see the introduction of specialist LGBT services for homeless people.
5. Notes the successes of the Albert Kennedy Trust, which works in Manchester and London with young people aged 16 to 25 from the LGBT community who are homeless or living in a hostile environment. It provides a programme of training, policy advice, and practical support, which includes supported lodgings schemes, mentoring and befriending services. It has also launched a Quality Assurance Mark, offering a model of best practice to mainstream housing and homelessness organisations.

The council therefore resolves to request the Cabinet member for Housing to consider the possibilities of:

1. Joint working with the Albert Kennedy Trust
2. Ways in which ways the Trust’s services could be used to help young LGBT homeless people in Brighton and Hove.”

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