# HOUSING & NEW HOMES COMMITTEE

# Agenda Item 18(a)

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Petition – Justice for Leaseholders

Date of Meeting: 21 September 2016

Report of: Executive Head for Strategy, Governance and Law (&

**Monitoring Officer)** 

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Wards Affected: All

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive the ePetition from Mr David Green as set out in paragraph 3.1.

## 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the Committee responds to the petition either by noting it or writing to the petition organiser setting out the Council's views, or where it is considered more appropriate, calls for an officer report on the matter which may give consideration to a range of options, including the following:
  - taking the action requested in the petition
  - considering the petition at a council meeting
  - holding an inquiry into the matter
  - undertaking research into the matter
  - holding a public meeting
  - holding a consultation
  - holding a meeting with petitioners
  - calling a referendum

#### 3. PETITION

#### 3.1 Justice for Leaseholders

"We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to - review the contractual relationship, and implementation of contracts, between BHCC and those who have leased property from the council under right to buy legislation. In particular we request that a comprehensive and public investigation be held into• The accuracy and validity of Annual Service Charges, cyclical repairs and redecoration• The charges for Major Works, in particular the recent city wide cladding programme, wholesale roof and window replacement, and the repair, refurbishment and replacement of lifts. We request that any investigatory body includes experts independent of BHCC and that the terms of reference include;• The necessity of work

carried out• The validity of the consultation process, particularly with but not confined to leaseholders• Value for Money, the tendering process, and actual costs• The standard of the work carried out."