

HOUSING & NEW HOMES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

4.00PM, WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL, NORTON ROAD, HOVE, BN3 3BQ

ADDENDUM

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by members of the public who either live or work in the area of the authority.

i) The following written question has been received from Sheona Nicoll.

"Can you please help us understand how the allocations procedure works when placing vulnerable people in unsupported temporary accommodation in Brighton and Hove, and what, if any, safeguarding policies are in place?"

(ii) The following written question has been received from Daniel Harris.

"Can the council explain why they do not request and record structural survey reports for Emergency Accommodation buildings which house the vulnerable?"

DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting of the Council for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes.

Journey Home publication

The Journey Home

In December last year, ETHRAG were invited to a parliament event for the launch of the Journey Home Publication by IPPR North and Just Life, Introduced by John Healy MP - Shadow Housing Minister the report consisting of 45 in-depth interviews had uncovered the bleak reality of life in Unsupported Temporary Accommodation (UTA). Sadly by the end of the 3 year research project 5 of the 45 interviewees are now deceased. This report will help to save lives and improve life for those living in Unsupported Temporary Accommodation.

The topics covered will be:

Stages in the journey through UTA

- 1. Finding a bed
- 2. Moving in & First Few Weeks
- 3. Longer stays
- 4. Eviction or moving out

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create temporary accommodation boards. (Already in place in Manchester and Newcastle)
- Establish 'greenlists' and 'exclusion' lists.
- Develop a minimum, consistent set of standards.
- Provide appropriate in-tenancy support.

Sheona Nicoll (Lead Spokesperson) Daniel Harris Nikkie Brennan Maggie Lyndsay + Marlo Hushie minor Sam Ransom + Daughter minor Stephanie Crechriou