# Council Agenda Item 42(g) 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 Brighton & Hove City Council

### NOTICE OF MOTION

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ROUGH SLEEPING

## **CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT**

That the motion be amended to delete the words as struck through and insert those shown in **bold italic**.

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- Raising the HRA borrowing cap so the council can build more social housing
- Providing additional grants so social housing providers can build at lower rents
- Allowing councils to suspend the right to buy where an affordable housing shortage exists
- The welcomed Government's comments in the white paper to ensure longer term and more secure tenancies become more widely available Introduce more secure longer tenancies in the private rented sector
- Introduce powers for local councils to institute rent controls to suit local market needs
- Withdrawing the threat in the Housing and Planning Act on the proposal for councils
  to sell much needed high value council homes and give the money towards HA
  discounts progress with the Secretary's welcomed plans to increase the building
  of all types of homes including social and shared equity homes by borrowing to
  invest taking advantage of low interest rates whilst not compromising the
  necessity to reduce the deficit.

Proposed by: Cllr Ann Norman Seconded by: Cllr Mary Mears

# Motion if carried to read:

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