

NOTICE OF MOTION

CONSERVATIVE GROUP

ROUGH SLEEPING EMERGENCY ACTION

This Committee:

1. Expresses great concern over the Administration's handling of Brighton & Hove's rough-sleeping situation where the number of rough-sleepers has more than doubled in recent years (78 in 2015 to 178 in 2017), which leave Brighton & Hove as the local authority area with the second highest number of rough-sleepers in the country.
2. Calls for an emergency statement to be sent to all Councillors confirming:
 - (i) What estimate has been made of the current number of rough-sleepers in the City;
 - (ii) What measures are in place to assist rough-sleepers in the City over the coming winter;
 - (iii) What plans are being drawn up to address dire safety conditions in and lack of provision of emergency and temporary accommodation; and
 - (iv) Exactly how all funding streams, including large sums recently announced nationally by HM Government, are being put to best use.
3. Calls for an emergency Officer report with options on (i) ways to work to tackle rough-sleeping on a cross-party basis, as happened so well last winter on the Brighton Centre Night shelter Cross-Party Working Group; and (ii) the arrangement of an urgent multi-organisation meeting to bring together as many homelessness groups as possible to ensure that all solutions are being considered.
4. Requests that the rough-sleeping responsibilities of NICE Committee, Housing & New Homes Committee and the Health & Wellbeing Board are urgently brought together under the auspices of a single committee, Housing & New Homes, to address concerns over strategy and accountability.

Proposed by: Cllr Nemeth

Seconded by: Cllr Peltzer Dunn

