

# Brighton & Hove City Council

Full Council

Agenda Item 24

Date of meeting 21 July 2022

## GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

### Short Term Lets Licensing Motion

That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in strikethrough and ***bold italics***:

This committee notes:

- The disruption, distress, and exacerbation to the housing supply crisis that the rise in short term holiday lettings such as AirBnB have inflicted on our local communities
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This council also notes:

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Therefore, this Council resolves to:

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**2) Submit a response to the government's call for evidence**

2) ~~Further request TECC Committee to ask officers to include in the report plans to:~~

- ~~- Require mandatory licensing for all short term lets, and to ensure they are brought in line with rented accommodation in terms of the standards we expect and enforce as a local authority~~
- ~~- Make licenses dependent upon owners producing health and safety certificates to ensure compliance~~

3) Request the Chief Executive write to the Housing Secretary, lobbying for powers to;

- Designate a minimum percentage of **rented** housing to be reserved for long term lets, and place a cap on the number of holiday lets
- ~~Rescind licenses if holiday lets prove a nuisance to residents~~
- Introduce a licensing scheme similar to that laid out by the Welsh Government, to not only limit the number of second homes and holiday lets, but to ensure fair taxation is extracted from them
- **Change planning laws to require landlords wishing to convert their property into a holiday let to have to apply for change of use to a new class use for holiday lets**

Sources:

- (1) [Party Houses Scrutiny Panel in 2014](#)
- (2) **TECC committee report in March 2020**
- (3) [The Growth in Short-Term Lets \(England\) Government report](#)
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- (5) [AirBnB White Paper](#)

Proposed by: Cllr Osborne

Seconded by: Cllr Ebel

**Motion to read if carried:**

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