

Full Council

Date of meeting 20th October 2022

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

Safety of Council Tenants

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

This Council:

- a. Acknowledges ~~repeated~~ concerns from **city residents**, tenant, leaseholders and resident associations that **more co-operation between the police and the council is necessary to tackle disruptive anti-social behaviour and criminal activity to ensure safety of residents**~~the City is not cooperating or sharing CCTV footage when requested by Sussex Police;~~
- b. Notes further serious concerns expressed by the above groups concerning:
 - i. An increase in drug-dealing and cuckooing on council estates since **Conservative Government cuts from 2010 to key services including council funding, police resources and youth services**~~regular officer inspections were ended by the council in 2018;~~
 - ii. The **need for review of the** current allocations policy;
 - iii. **The need for Government funding to facilitate adequate support for** Lack of adherence to the tenancy pathway from street to council home, with placements made before addictions **treatment and mental health**~~have been overcome;~~ and
 - iv. The **acute need to build more council and affordable homes to meet the needs of the housing crisis 12 years of Conservative Government has created**~~high number of empty council homes in estates detracting from amenity;~~ and

Therefore, resolves to:

1. ~~Calls for a report to Housing Committee that outlines a strategy for resolving the above issues~~ **Request the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Housing and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, lobbying for a reversal of spending cuts to key services that have exacerbated drug crime, anti-social behaviour as well as the housing crisis**
2. **Request a review of the working relationship between the council and the police to ensure better outcomes for the safety of residents.**
3. **Request a review of the current housing allocations policy**

Proposed by: **Cllr Williams**

Seconded by: **Cllr Evans**

Motion to read if carried:

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