

Full Council

Agenda Item 42

Green Group Amendment Safety of Council Tenants

This Council:

- ~~a. Acknowledges repeated concerns from tenant, leaseholder and resident associations that the City is not cooperating or sharing CCTV footage when requested by Sussex Police;~~
- a. Notes further serious concerns expressed by ***tenant, leaseholder and resident associations*** the above groups concerning:
 - i. An ***suspected*** increase in drug-dealing and cuckooing on council estates since regular officer inspections ***were reallocated to the field officer team*** were ended by the council in 2018 ***but also notes that a pilot programme of weekly area walkabouts ran between May and August 2022 facilitated by the Area Housing Manager;***
 - ii. The current allocations policy ***but notes that this is due to come to Housing Committee in November for review;***
- b. ***Recognises that***
 - i. ~~Lack of adherence to the tenancy pathways from street to~~ ***independent accommodation are to ensure that people receive the right support and move on to the next stage when they are ready*** council home, with placements made before addictions have been overcome; and
 - ii. The high number of empty council homes in estates ***has reduced from 237 in April 2022 to 153 by the end of September 2022 and that performance is regularly being reported to Housing Committee*** detracting from amenity; and
- c. notes the current review into Anti-social behaviour which is due to come to January Housing Committee***
- d. Acknowledges that repeated cuts to public services, including the Police, by the central Government, have led to resource pressure for both the police and***

council just as the Council is implementing additional fire-safety measures under legislation finally being introduced as a result of the Grenfell enquiry

e. Notes that anti-social behaviour and drug use is primarily a matter for Sussex Police

f. Supports a compassionate approach to supporting people with addiction issues

Therefore, ~~resolves to:~~

1. Calls for a report to Housing Committee that outlines a strategy for resolving the above issues
2. ***Requests that the chief executive write to the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner outlining concerns about anti-social behaviour.***

Proposer: Cllr Hugh-Jones

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