

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Petition – Homelessness from an Assured Shorthold Tenancy</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>21 September 2016</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Head for Strategy, Governance and Law (&amp; Monitoring Officer)</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE**

**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

1.1 To receive the ePetition from Mr Steve Parry as set out in paragraph 3.1.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

2.1 That the Committee responds to the petition either by noting it or writing to the petition organiser setting out the Council's views, or where it is considered more appropriate, calls for an officer report on the matter which may give consideration to a range of options, including the following:

- taking the action requested in the petition
- considering the petition at a council meeting
- holding an inquiry into the matter
- undertaking research into the matter
- holding a public meeting
- holding a consultation
- holding a meeting with petitioners
- calling a referendum

**3. PETITION**

**3.1 Homelessness from an Assured Shorthold Tenancy**

"We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to adopt a policy that when citizens apply as homeless from an assured shorthold tenancy that BHCC implement the guidelines "that authorities should note that the fact that a tenant has a right to remain in occupation does not necessarily mean that he or she is not homeless" as prescribed by the "HOMELESSNESS CODE OF GUIDANCE" (Under Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996) BHCC should assist citizens that are faced with the certainty of homelessness in the same way as if they are homeless and not wait for the time when Court action is taken, costs incurred, and families are on the street. This is unjust, results in additional costs to BHCC and the family involved, and is socially damaging."

