

ADDITIONAL HOUSING PLEDGES



PRIVATE RENTAL SECTOR

- Promote a voluntary Ethical Landlords Charter for private landlords
- Develop a Private Tenant Engagement Charter to improve communications with private renters
- Work with Trading Standards to take action against letting agents who illegally discriminate against renters or charge extortionate fees
- Continue to make the case for private sector rent caps/controls



SUPPORTED HOUSING

- Review supported housing provision outcomes and align commissioning to this review
- Commission independent surveys of the experiences of residents living in emergency accommodation



HOMELESS SERVICES

- Provide short-term women-only accommodation for rough sleepers
- Provide cold weather provision over the winter
- Reduce the number of rough sleepers through a combination of:
 1 Improved prevention;
 2 Rapid rehousing and reconnection;
 3 Offering emergency accommodation as a fall back option for all verified rough sleepers if commissioned services are full
- Monitor and report on deaths of homeless people, patterns of causation and explore preventative action
- Bring a feasibility report on the costs and benefits of developing a homeless services hub along the lines of the model proposed by ARCH Healthcare

- Review the satisfaction with and effectiveness of the council's Homelessness Reduction Operational Board with board members
- Complete the homeless transformation programme and record the impact of any transformed services by measuring customer satisfaction
- Develop a programme of training to further embed a "can do" approach amongst frontline staff in conjunction with a system of recognising staff excellence in this area
- Review delivery of council homelessness services with input from those with lived experience and campaigners



COUNCIL HOUSING

- Review the Council's housing allocations policy
- Reduce the housing waiting list by speeding up turn-around between lets of council housing
- Roll out an incentives scheme for people to surrender their council homes (e.g. when they are considering down-sizing or moving into the private sector)
- Review the council's seniors housing offer to ensure that it meets current expectations, has easy access to shopping and leisure facilities and provides more options for extra care and supported living, and seek to develop one or more intergenerational housing schemes



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Press for maximum community benefit from any development of the publicly owned Brighton General Hospital, including maximising affordable housing
- Build on the on-lending pilot with BHCLT to use public finance to maximise support for social value providers
- Work with community-led housing providers to continue to identify sites in Brighton & Hove for community-led development, including a larger site of around 25 homes.
- Explore the use of short-life co-ops (co-ops that lease buildings for agreed periods of time), or other not-for-profit organisations, rather than property guardianships, to occupy any empty council properties
- Work with planning to develop a co-living planning policy which seeks to maximise the achievement of decent affordable housing