

TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS

To consider any Motions submitted by Members of the Council, due notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12. The following motion has been submitted.

(B) Homelessness

To be moved by Councillor Clare Billing and seconded by Councillor Martin Stears-Handscomb:

“That this Council:

1. Is deeply concerned about the increase in the number of rough sleepers reported in North Hertfordshire, council statistics show a 300% increase since 2011.
2. Recognises that the true numbers of ‘hidden’ homeless, including those sofa surfing or sleeping in cars and vans in the district are likely to be higher than the 13 people reported to Council in August 2017.
3. Recognises that without support for those people with mental health problems and addictions to drugs or alcohol these numbers will increase.
4. Regrets the recent death reported in Letchworth and attack in Hitchin of people who were sleeping rough.

This Council calls for:

1. A comprehensive assessment of the true number of rough sleepers in North Herts and their needs; and
2. Continuation of the work carried out in conjunction with key stakeholders to prevent homelessness and support people in our district who are sleeping rough.”

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