

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 11
14 DECEMBER 2016	PUBLIC REPORT

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The following notices of motion have been received in accordance with the Council's Standing Order 13.1:

1. Motion from Councillor Murphy

That Council acknowledges that many families have been affected by the current housing crisis, homelessness and locally pending evictions and notes:

- 1) The current housing emergency that is affecting Peterborough and England. Nationally £27 billion per annum is spent on housing benefit and government funding for house-building has gradually moved into subsidies for rents, especially to private landlords; and
- 2) That there is public concern over Saint Michaels Gate and that some are profiteering out of the misery of homelessness by making people homeless to use dwellings to maximise their profits.
- 3) The local stories and case histories provided and set out as **Appendix 1** to this notice of motion.

That Council believes that there are medium and emergency measures that the city council are and should be taking to resolve the problem. Better solutions such as investing in new build and the provision of social and council housing will be much more cost effective than the use of bed and breakfast and other temporary accommodation.

That Council resolves to support:

- 1) Measures to provide quicker homeless persons decisions, sympathetic assistance and prevention work with and for families in Peterborough faced with homelessness; and
- 2) The investigation of the installation of prefabricated emergency housing and increased use of leased homes as a short term measure and in the long term increasing the supply of social dwellings and council houses; and
- 3) The acquisition of empty buildings to convert and refurbish to provide accommodation and the development of the joint venture housing company to focus on the delivery of social housing to eradicate the use of bed and breakfast accommodation.

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