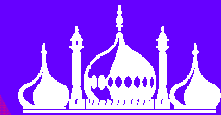


# Presentation to LSP: Welfare reform and its impact

**John Barradell**

19<sup>th</sup> June



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# The Reforms

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- Council tax
- Housing benefit / LHA changes
- Universal Credit
- Sickness benefits
- Social Fund



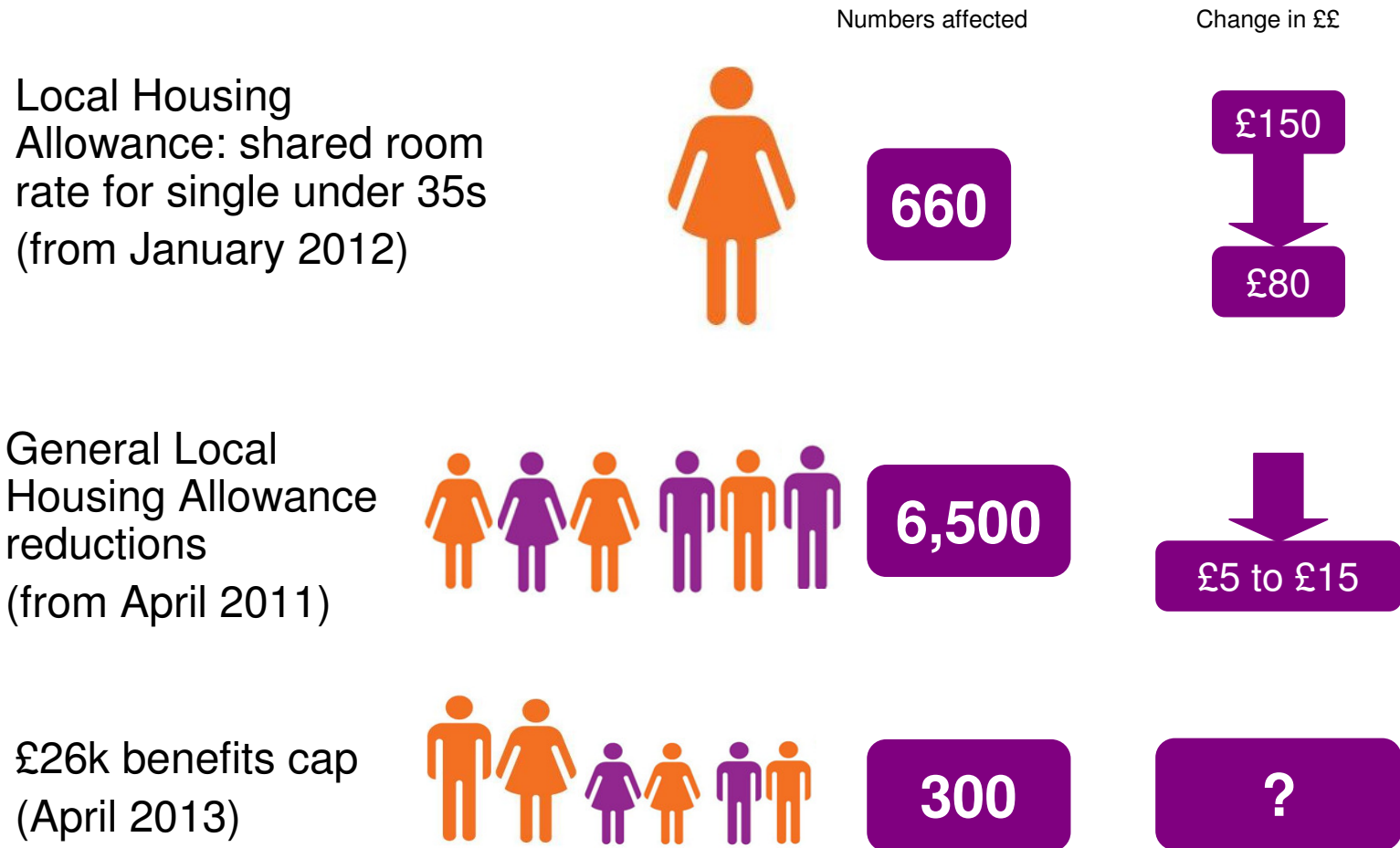
# The Reforms: council tax

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- Local assistance for council tax
- Council tax discounts
- Exemptions to be reviewed



# The Reforms: housing benefit



# Those affected in Brighton & Hove

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## Households in Brighton & Hove



## Claimants in Brighton & Hove



## People in Brighton & Hove



## Working claimants in Brighton & Hove



# The Reforms: Universal Credit

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- Working age transfer
- Pensioner transfer
- Administration of face-to-face services



# John & Carolyn

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## Benefit Cap

Current

April 2013

April 2013

benefit income  
£800 per week

benefit  
≤ £500 per  
week

£300  
per  
week

**Ronnie**

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# Working & Single

in the Private Sector

**April 2012**



**Under 35 &  
live alone**

**£70**



# Graham

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## Pensioner Living with Non Dependent Daughter



no change  
for  
pensioner

April 2012

LHA non-  
dependent  
deductions

£13

April 2013

Council tax  
benefit

££

**Isabelle**

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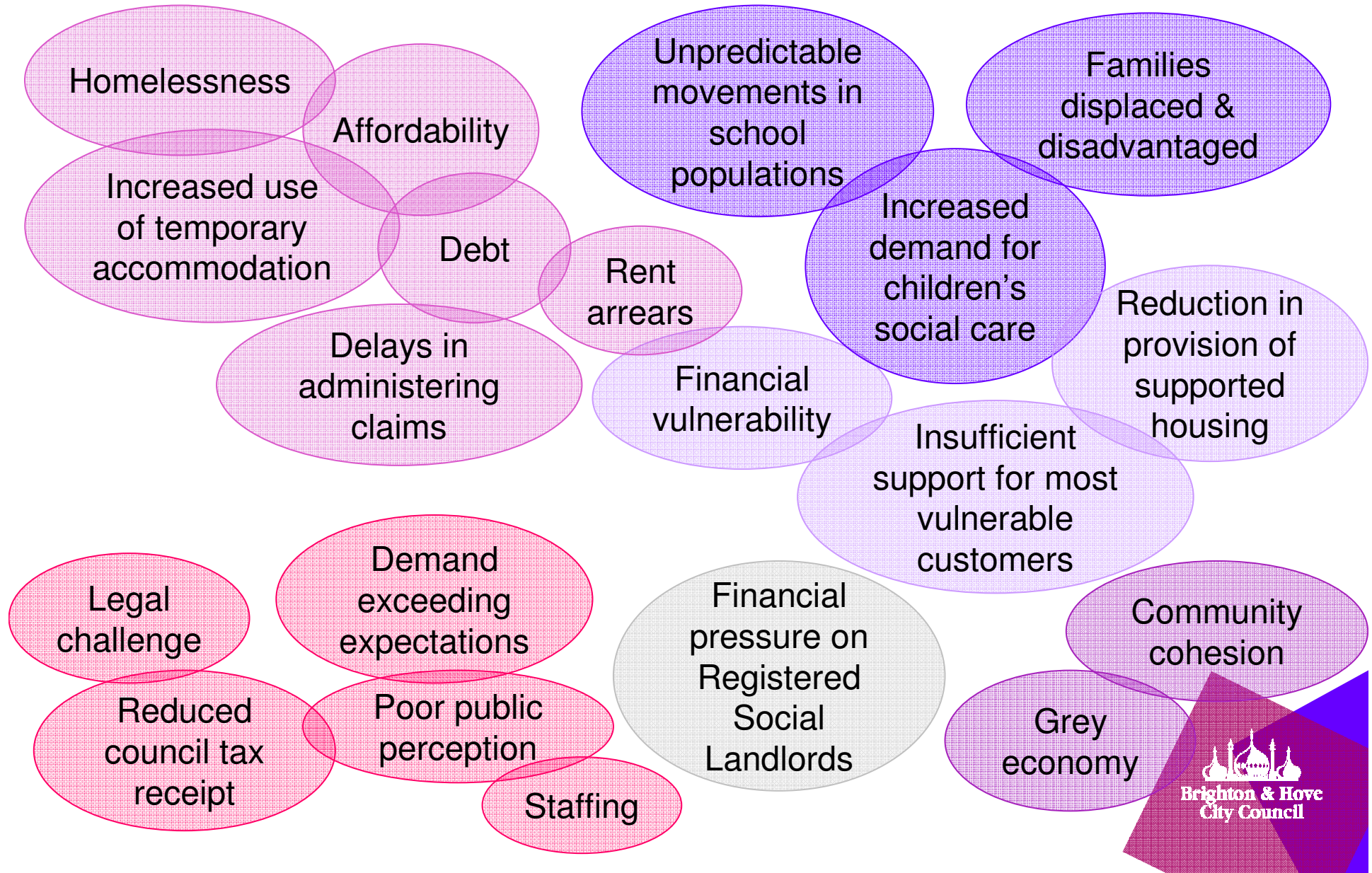
# Unemployed & Single

in Shared Accommodation in the Private Sector



# Risks & issues

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# Current actions

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- Direct communication with those affected
- Regular briefs to advice agencies and Members
- Training of staff including signposting to advice agencies and other BHCC services
- Access to Discretionary Housing Payment fund
- Alignment of discretionary funds
- Continued conversations with colleagues in Housing & Adult Social Care
- Appointment of Programme Manager to oversee the impact of welfare reform in the city



# Next steps

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- Continued engagement with affected people
- Council tax support development & consultation
- Ongoing welfare reform impact analysis
- Discussions at Vulnerable Adults Commission, Families in Multiple Disadvantage & Equalities Commission
- Establishment of Welfare Reform Programme Board reporting to Public Service Board



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