

## **Brighton & Hove Council Press Release, 30 November 2012**

Brighton & Hove Mayor Bill Randall has urged residents to attend a special event in his Hanover ward about how owners of its historic terraced houses can slash fuel bills and combat damp.

Hanover Community Association has lined up expert speakers and an exhibition at Hanover Community Centre this Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Renowned local eco-architect Duncan Baker-Brown will speak about how insulation could be applied to the outside of houses – potentially wrapping whole streets. Mr Baker-Brown worked with Grand Designs' Kevin McCloud on the House that Kevin Built project for Channel 4.

Combating damp and condensation in older homes will be tackled by Toby Rolleston, director of Brighton building surveyors MacConvilles.

Alex Hunt from the Green Building Partnership will explain how best to save energy following a detailed survey of fifty Hanover homes last March.

Making older houses more energy efficient will be addressed by resident Paul Early, whose refurbished Victorian terrace home has featured in the city's Eco Open Houses event.

Cllr Randall, also a housing journalist, is urging residents to attend. He said: "Winter's coming, energy bills are rising fast and many people want to reduce their carbon footprint.

"The community association has put together a great afternoon of practical advice tailored to typical houses in the neighbourhood. Measures range from very easy things we can do ourselves to really radical things which would need people to work together like wrapping whole terraces in external insulation.

"Even if you're not interested in saving the planet do go along and see how you can save money."

The exhibition opens at 3.30 this coming Thursday at Hanover Community Centre in 33 Southover Street, Brighton. Talks will happen between 5.00-7.30pm. Free refreshments will be provided.

More information on the event is at <http://tinyurl.com/8eq9b36>