

### **Closer working for the future development of the City and the conservation of its built heritage**

The Regency Society and Hove Civic Society share many similar values and ambitions for maintaining and improving the quality of the buildings, townscapes and infrastructure of Brighton and Hove.

Our two societies want to be as effective as possible in contributing to the City Council's decision-making on overall policies and individual cases in the field of planning and conservation. And we want to strengthen our societies' voice in advocating high quality and clear vision in the way the City tries to meet the challenges of future growth and development.

Our societies have therefore decided to consult more closely with each other on planning and conservation issues. The two organisations, both long-established registered charities, will remain entirely independent. But in future we will work together with a shared purpose - to identify important issues that need a strong input from local bodies in order to have the necessary influence and impact. That may often mean coordinating the interventions we make, sometimes by presenting them jointly.

Our priorities will be to help bring about civic policy or decision-making which:

- respects the rich built heritage of Brighton and Hove, conserving and improving outstanding buildings and conservation areas;
- is realistic about the tough challenges of meeting growing demand for development in the City, while always insisting on high standards of design and amenity in all new development;
- will actively improve the quality of life for residents and for visitors to the City, building on the best of our heritage to evolve townscapes, neighbourhoods and areas of public space that will be enjoyed through the current century and beyond.