

COUNCIL – 20 MARCH 2018

MOTIONS

AMENDMENT TO MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR R D BAYLISS

1.0 PROCESS

- 1.1 A motion was submitted by Councillor R Adams as set out on page 2 of the Council agenda.
- 1.2 Councillor R D Bayliss has submitted an amendment to the original motion submitted by Councillor R Adams. Paragraph 2 sets out the proposed amendments to the original motion. Additions are shown in blue, and deletions are shown stricken out in red.
- 1.3 Members are firstly asked to vote on these changes to the original motion.
- 1.4 Should these changes be accepted, members will then be asked to vote on the motion as amended, shown in paragraph 3 overleaf.
- 1.5 Should the changes not be accepted, members will be asked to vote on the original motion as set out in the agenda.

2.0 PROPOSED CHANGES

“This Council acknowledges Prime Minister Theresa May’s recognition of a national crisis in housing, in her speech to the Royal Town Planning Institute conference earlier this month. The Council also notes ~~with interest the comments by the (Tory)~~ ~~that the~~ Chairman of the Local Government Association, ~~Sir Gary Lord~~ Porter, ~~in response to the Prime Minister’s speech, saying that nothing will change unless is a~~ ~~keen exponent of~~ more council houses ~~are being~~ built.

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~~Commit our current £16 million borrowing headroom to fund an accelerated programme of new build council housing~~

Utili~~ze~~ compulsory purchase powers to maximum effect to bring sites or properties that are in disrepair and empty houses back into use

~~Lobby Government to reform the Right to Buy, lift restrictions on the re-investment of the Council's £5 million housing Capital Receipts and relax HM Treasury rules on borrowing~~

Carry out a review of all existing initiatives to increase housing supply (including support for local housing associations) and use this cost benefit analysis to guide the Council in adopting the most economic and effective way forward in delivering new homes. This review will examine all existing funding mechanisms and investigate all available options going forward, including the option to access the borrowing headroom within the Housing Revenue Account. This Council is therefore fully committed to supporting fund new council housing schemes so that in the future, this Councils will be able to respond in a timely manner to meet identified local housing needs”.

3.0 AMENDMENT TO MOTION IN ITS ENTIRETY

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