

# **CITY COUNCIL**

**1 NOVEMBER, 2022**

**AMENDMENTS TO  
MOTIONS IN THE  
COUNCIL AGENDA  
RECEIVED IN ADVANCE  
OF THE MEETING**

# AMENDMENT TO MOTION

# 1 to 12a

## CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2022

Amendment to Item 12A (Notices of Motion):

To remove the third bullet point under “This Council resolves” (“Launch an independent public inquiry into the growth of Exempt Accommodation in the city, helping to strengthen the case for nationwide legislative reform.”) and replace it with the following bullet point:

- “Review the effectiveness and impact of the ‘Charter of Rights and Quality Standards for exempt supported housing’, launched in March 2021.”

To add at the end:

“This Council also notes that a key cause of the growth of Supported Exempt Accommodation is the chronic shortage of socially rented homes in Birmingham and across the UK. Many of those in Supported Exempt Accommodation have needs that would be better met in their own homes, rented from a social provider. This shortage is also causing a growth of other problems such as overcrowding and the use of temporary accommodation.

Council therefore also resolves to lobby the Government to invest more in socially rented housing and reform the way ‘Right to Buy’ operates to reduce the loss of existing stock.”



PROPOSED BY:

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**Councillor Roger Harmer**



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**Councillor Morriam Jan**

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# **AMENDMENT TO MOTION 12A**

## **2 to 12a**

### **CITY COUNCIL** **Tuesday 1 November 2022**

#### **After second bullet add:**

- Council notes it's disappointment that despite being agreed unanimously in Full Council Motions in December 2021, and being raised at other points, including at Cabinet, action has still not been implemented to control the growth of Exempt Accommodation in Birmingham by placing and enforcing existing covenants on housing sold or owned by the council.
- Council further notes it's disappointment and concern that council owned accommodation is being used as Exempt Accommodation and that, according to press reports the council has failed to act against antisocial behaviour in at least one of its properties. Council agrees with the statement of Shabana Mahmood MP that it should be expected the Council 'as the landlord of the property to have dealt with the matter much more swiftly than they actually have done'
- Council also notes its concern that some elected members appear to believe that the commercial interests of individual councillors is a legitimate reason to withhold information on exempt accommodation ownership, contrary to the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and as set out in the government guidance "Openness and transparency on personal interests: A guide for councillors"

#### **After first bullet under 'This Council resolves to' add:**

- Welcome the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Select Committee report into Exempt Accommodation, call on Government to implements its' recommendations and place on record the Council's thanks to all those locally who contributed to the Select Committee's work.

**At end of third bullet under 'This Council resolves to' add:**

This inquiry should be independent not only of the council but also anyone involved in anyway in the exempt accommodation market, including housing providers in Birmingham and elsewhere.

**Delete "is commercial sensitive or" in the third line of the final bullet point and add an additional bullet point saying:**

- Call on all Members, in conjunction with the Monitoring Officer, to ensure that existing legal requirements, as set out in the Localism Act 2011 and associated guidance, are understood and enforced so that every elected member declares all disclosable interests. This includes all land and property interests within Birmingham held by either themselves or their spouse or partner. Details of these should only be withheld where the member and the monitoring officer, who is responsible for the register of members' interests, consider that disclosure of its details could lead to the member, or a person connected to the member, being subject to violence or intimidation or potential safeguarding implications. Council notes that commercial interests are not a legitimate reason to withhold information from the public register of members' interests.

**Add to end:**

Council calls on the Executive to:

- Bring a report forward before the end of the calendar year setting out a policy for the use and enforcement of covenants on properties sold and owned by the council to prevent the conversion of family homes into HMOs or Exempt Accommodation
- Carry out and publish an urgent review into all council owned property currently being used as exempt accommodation, converting all former family homes back into their original use and assessing the impact on other accommodation on the local area to ensure it is appropriately sited, well managed, and used to prioritise demand placed on the city council and not that of other local authorities.

PROPOSED BY:



Councillor Robert Alden

SECONDED BY:



Councillor Ken Wood

# AMENDMENT TO MOTION

**1 to 12b**

## CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2022

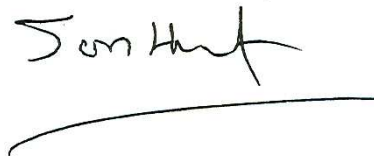
Add to the end of 'Council resolves - point 3':

".. ensuring they receive full analysis of achievement by socio-economic and ethnic background."

Add the following:

"7. Ensure that solutions are fully inclusive to ensure the city's most disadvantaged young people, including those in the care system, have access to a full range of opportunities through a school system empowered to work collectively for the benefit of all students.

8. Continue to highlight the risks to students of failure to maintain school budgets and, in particular, levels of pupil premium."



PROPOSED BY:

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**Councillor Jon Hunt**



SECONDED BY:

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**Councillor Paul Tilsley**

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## **AMENDMENT TO MOTION**

**2nd to 12B**

### **CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY 1 November 2022**

After paragraph 1, insert:

"Council notes that the executive was given a mandate in May 2022 to deliver on Labour's manifesto commitment to: 'Further improve school attainment and achievement, targeting the worst performing schools in the city, improving the educational attainment of poor performing cohorts, particularly disadvantaged working class white and black Caribbean boys who are the two lowest-performing groups by ethnicity in the city.'

Council further notes that unprecedented and brutal Government cuts to education spending through a decade of austerity have disproportionately impacted on disadvantaged pupils, with the Institute for Fiscal Studies finding that the most disadvantaged fifth of secondary schools faced the biggest cuts, with a 14 per cent real-terms drop in spending per pupil between 2009 and 2019, compared with nine per cent for the least deprived schools.

Paragraph 2

Delete: "Council notes and supports the findings of"

And insert:

Austerity has exacerbated attainment gaps for a number of disadvantaged cohorts, an example of which was highlighted in

Replace paragraph 3 with:

"In Birmingham, Gypsy/Roma pupils have the lowest attainment, while the attainment gap for free school meals eligible White British and Black Caribbean pupils is also significant when compared to the overall LA average."

Paragraph 5:

Delete: "its recommendations, and welcomes actions already taken but calls for further action to address all the 5 proposed solutions from the report, including"

And insert: "calls for adequately funded action to address the attainment gap for all under-performing groups. "

Bullet point 2, delete: "parental engagement and"

and insert: "engagement with parents, children and young people to"

Bullet point 4, add:

", while also supporting the professional development of teachers already committed to working in those areas."

Bullet point 5, delete: "Find better and less divisive ways to talk about "

And insert: "Build on the work that has taken place across Birmingham in recent years - in particular the race equality for schools work with BRAP and the Unicef Rights Respecting School Award - to address"

Paragraph 6

Delete: "incorporated"

And insert: "factored"



## Paragraph 7

After: "resolves to:" insert: "call on the Government to

- Deliver on its pledge to restore education spending, in real terms. to 2010 levels.
- End tax exemptions for independent schools, using the £1.7 billion raised to fund state school efforts to bridge the attainment gap.

Council further resolves to:

- Ensure that 'Change For Children and Young People', Birmingham Children's Partnership (BCP) Board's emerging Children and Young People's Plan 2023-2027, identifies and addresses gaps in attainment."

Bullet point 2, delete: "are incorporated"

And insert: "where appropriate to Birmingham, are factored"

Bullet point 3, delete: "the findings"

And insert: "these Birmingham-specific strategies"

Bullet point 5, delete: "Adopt more modern"

And insert: "Build on the findings of the Breaking Down Barriers report to develop"



PROPOSED BY:

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**Councillor Karen McCarthy**



SECONDED BY:

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**Councillor John Cotton**

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