

**MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

To consider the following Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4(A)

**A Councillors Paul Tilsley and Jerry Evans have given notice of the following motion:-**

“Council notes with concern the potential loss of social housing contained in the plans to extend Right to Buy to housing associations.

In particular, it expresses regret that there are proposals for the forced sale of council housing stock, when so-called high value properties become vacant.

Council expresses further concern that the Government proposes to retain the receipts of these sales to fund replacement of housing association properties purchased by tenants.

Council believes this marks a regression from recent progress which has allowed councils, such as Birmingham, to invest in new housing stock.

Council resolves to make clear its opposition to this policy to the Department for Communities and Local Government.”

**B Councillors John Cotton and John Clancy have given notice of the following motion:-**

“This Council is proud to note the tremendous progress that has been made in delivering new, affordable housing through the Birmingham Municipal Housing Trust (BMHT) over the last seven years. To date, the BMHT programme has delivered 1044 new council homes for rent and provided additional choice and opportunity for homebuyers through the building of 754 properties for sale. This Council is also pleased to note that the pace of the BMHT programme, which has already established the City Council as the leading developer of new homes within Birmingham, is being maintained over the next five years, with a plan to deliver a further 2056 homes, of which 1456 will be council properties for rent.

Nevertheless, in noting this progress, this Council is fully aware that the pace of delivery needs to be driven much further and faster in order to meet the city’s pressing housing needs.

Given this, Council is concerned to note that changes to national rent policy will result in the loss of some £42million from the Housing Revenue Account over the same period, which will place considerable pressure on the resources available to sustain and accelerate the BMHT programme.

Accordingly, this Council requests that the Government comes forward with proposals to compensate Birmingham and other local authorities for the loss of resources created by the changes to rent policy. Furthermore, this Council asks Government to engage in an early, constructive dialogue with the city over how they can provide us with the additional freedoms and flexibilities needed to properly unlock all opportunities to deliver new affordable housing for Birmingham's citizens."

**C Councillors Robert Alden and Randal Brew have given notice of the following motion:-**

"This Council opposes any form of congestion charges in Birmingham."