

Report Title: AMENDED MOTION Motion by Councillor Lynette Bowers-Flint – Affordable Housing Delivery Programme	
Report to: Council	
Date: 4 th September 2023	For: Debate
Key Decision: No	Decision Planner Ref No: N/A
Motion Presented by:	Councillor Lynette Bowers-Flint
Motion Seconded by:	Councillor Gabrielle Spray
Motion Support by:	Councillors Charley Dervish, Jack Edwards, Richard van Dulken and Justin Wrench
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1. Constitution provisions

Further to the publication of the Agenda, Councillor Bowers-Flint and Councillor Spray as the Proposer and Seconder of the original Motion (as set out on pages 7 and 8 of the Agenda) have accepted an Amendment to the Motion which was proposed by Councillor Abbott and seconded by Councillor Beavis.

The Amendment was submitted in accordance with Rule 12:20 of Chapter 2 of the Constitution.

In accepting the Amendment, the amended Motion is the Substantive Motion for debate by Full Council and is set out in section 2 below.

For the avoidance of doubt in accepting the Amendment, there is no need for full Council to debate and vote on the Amendment.

2. Substantive Motion:

This Council acknowledges the achievement of its Affordable Housing delivery programme in recent times. After a record breaking 417 completions in 2021/22, it delivered another 288 completions in 2022/23, against the annual plan target of 250. With still a high number of affordable homes in the pipeline with planning consent and/or on site currently under construction, the Council is confident that the coming year's annual plan target of 250 will be met once again.

Going forward the Council undoubtedly faces uncertainty with housing pressures in the district and acknowledges the challenges it will face with achieving its future year's targets for affordable homes, especially with the

slowdown of completion by developers, and so many landowners deciding to hang on to sites with planning permission and not starting building. The Council also acknowledges the strain on residents not being able to get private rented properties due to landlords deciding to sell rather than let.

The Council resolves to proactively seek opportunities to increase social and affordable house building to help ease the pressures of the housing market on those with low and medium incomes, including direct delivery of housing on suitable sites when it is viable to do so.