

**CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF  
DINAS A SIR CAERDYDD**

**24 NOVEMBER 2016**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**MOTION 1 - AMENDMENT 1**

Proposed by: Councillor David Walker

Seconded by: Councillor Gavin Hill- John

The following amendments be made to the motion

First line: Delete the word Labour

Point 1: Deletion of the words '*across the UK*' to be replaced by '*in Wales and Cardiff.*'

Point 2: Deletion of Point 2 and replace with

2. *'Notes that this Labour Council has consistently failed to build or provide an adequate number of council houses and to make an impact in meeting growing housing demand. It needs to make a 'step change' in this area after years of underperformance.'*

Point 3: Deletion of Point 3 and replace with '*Notes the wide range of government schemes and support available to those seeking to rent or buy.*'

Point 4: Deletion of the word '*Welcomes*' and replace with '*Regrets*'.

Point 4: The addition of the following sentence: '*These measures merely serve to provide a smokescreen to cover failure at WG and Council level to address Welsh housing supply problems, including the provision of council housing*'.

Point 5: the deletion of the word '*Recognises*' and replace with '*Notes*'.

Point 5: after the word Council insert '*is belatedly*'.

Point 5; the addition of the following sentence: - '*It is now also clear that the administration failed to honour its 2012 manifesto pledge to increase the supply of affordable housing and Council houses and to provide new impetus to the development of cooperative and mutual models of housing*'.

The addition of a new Point 6:

- '6. *Notes that the Council recognises its own failure to return an adequate level of unoccupied homes to the city's housing stock. This is a waste of existing unused resources requiring effort rather than cost*'.

Original Point 6 now Point 7: the addition of the following sentence: - *'This should include assessment of new construction technology developed in Europe and elsewhere where reports of high quality, rapidly built, low cost housing units could revolutionise and accelerate provision for those on waiting lists'*.

The addition of a Point 8: -

- '8. Recognises and supports the spirit of aspiration which many Council residents possess to improve their housing provision whether in the private or public sector'*.

The addition of a Point 9:

- '9. Calls upon the Cabinet to ensure that a proportion of affordable homes built in new developments are available to first time buyers to purchase.*
- It should also encourage the building of smaller units for home owners wishing to downsize, so freeing up larger homes for family occupation'*.

The substantive motion would read:

This Council:

1. Recognises the critical shortage of affordable housing in Wales and Cardiff. In Cardiff there are more than 8,000 people on the common housing waiting list for social housing, with over 4,000 in housing need.
2. Notes that this Labour Council has consistently failed to build or provide an adequate number of council houses and to make an impact in meeting growing housing demand. It needs to make a 'step change' in this area after years of underperformance.
3. Notes the wide range of government schemes and support available to those seeking to rent or buy.
4. Regrets the Welsh Government's policy of ending the sale of social housing in Wales, and the Council's decision to consult on the suspension of the right to buy across Cardiff. These measures merely serve to provide a smokescreen to cover failure at WG and Council level to address Welsh housing supply problems, including the provision of council housing.
5. Notes that the Council is belatedly embarking on its second Housing Partnership Programme to build more council and affordable homes in Cardiff. It is now also clear that the administration failed to honour its 2012 manifesto pledge to increase the supply of affordable housing and council houses and to provide new impetus to the development of cooperative and mutual models of housing.
6. Notes that the Council recognises its own failure to return an adequate level of unoccupied homes to the city's housing stock. This is a waste of existing unused resources requiring effort rather than cost.

7. Calls upon the Cabinet to investigate other innovative approaches, both permanent and temporary, to increase the availability of affordable housing in Cardiff. This should include assessment of new construction technology developed in Europe and elsewhere where reports of high quality, rapidly built, low cost housing units could revolutionise and accelerate provision for those on waiting lists.
8. Recognises and supports the spirit of aspiration which many Council residents possess to improve their housing provision whether in the private or public sector.
9. Calls upon the Cabinet to ensure that a proportion of affordable homes built in new developments are available to first time buyers to purchase. It should also encourage the building of smaller units for home owners wishing to downsize, so freeing up larger homes for family occupation.