

Question: PQ10.01&02

Cabinet – 6 October 2020

Re: Agenda item 10 – Housing Revenue Account New Build Acquisitions

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Question 1:

I'm sure all of us living in Bristol welcome the commitment within agenda item 10 to build more council housing but it is disheartening to see this report talking about 10s of houses dotted around various private developments across the city when we have 13,000 households currently waiting to be housed by Bristol city council.

How disheartening it must be for them to hear the council talking about 10s of houses being built when it's thousands that are needed! And quickly!

Do you agree that this report is not nearly radical enough and that it offers the 13,000 households waiting for permanent accommodation no realistic prospect of a home in a timely manner?

Question 2:

I've made it known that I am pleased to read that more council housing is being built although I find the low numbers demoralising so I won't make that point twice. In the spirit of recycling and reducing our carbon footprint does this administration plan to make more money available for buying up former council houses flogged at a heavily reduced rate under right to buy as and when they come on the open market?