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Re: Agenda item 18 - HRA Asset Management Strategy 2021-2026

Question submitted by: Councillor Don Alexander

I recently attended a number of Local Housing Forum meetings and have been very pleased to see new vision and enthusiasm for council housing amongst both officers and tenants. **Could Cllr. Godwin please share her ambitions for the coming years of council housing in Bristol?** Thanks.

Housing is the single biggest policy intervention we can make in a person's life – which is why we are so determined to drive on building council houses, and maintaining our stock as much as possible.

The regulatory and investment framework for social housing is being transformed by the government's Housing White paper, and the expected Fire Safety Bill & Building Safety Bill. This is a challenging context for us, with a government that will not give local authorities the tools and resources we need to make the change in Bristol we need to see and tackle the housing crisis.

But we do have our own projects which will help us:

- **Working more closely with our tenants – listening to concerns and responding to their priorities.**
- **Increased focus on health and safety in all our homes (especially high rise blocks)**
- **Better energy standards – reducing fuel poverty**
- **Improved standards – not just within our homes but also in communal spaces**

The HRA Asset Management Strategy sets out how we intend to meet these challenges and continue to improve our homes and estates.