

Achieve Zero Carbon Development

Full Council notes that:

1. Bristol City Council declared a Climate Emergency in November 2018 following a Green Motion set out by Carla Denyer.
2. The motion committed the city to achieve net zero carbon by 2030 and there are now only 9 years left to this target date.
3. The Council is currently required to implement the Government approved uplift to Part L (power and energy standards) and F (ventilation standards), of the new building regulations due to be published in December 2021 for implementation from June 2022
4. Responses to the Government's 2020 consultation on the Future Homes Standards made it clear that the Part L uplift proposed for December 2021 was insufficient to meet the government's zero carbon target for 2050, and called for higher standards.
5. The Council has the capacity and authority to set local energy efficiency standards for new homes as set out in the Planning and Energy Act 2008, and may set them at a higher level than government standards. Local Planning Authorities must do this through their development plan documents, following consultation and examination by planning inspector.
6. The Council's Local Plan is currently under review and often goes above-and-beyond the proposed 2021 building regulations. The Council also notes that the draft 2019 Local Plan would encourage all new developments to be zero carbon and this aim was reiterated in Progressing Bristol's Development – a Bristol City Council statement on planning in Bristol.

Full Council believes:

1. Only implementing the minimum uplift values for Part L (see appendix A) in Dec 2021 for new homes would require further costly retrofitting in the future in order for homes to meet our 2030 carbon targets.
2. Implementing the principles of the proposed building regulation requirements for Part L discussed in the Futures Homes Standards 2025, in December 2021, would contribute to Bristol reaching our zero carbon targets by 2030.
3. The Council's revised Local Plan should seek to require rather than simply 'encourage' zero carbon development of all types of buildings.
4. It will be necessary to set out a strategic plan and use the powers in the revised Local Plan to ensure that all buildings which receive planning consent from 2024 are to be built to a 100% zero carbon standard.

Full Council Resolves:

1. To call on the administration to implement the powers of the Council with respect to the Planning and Energy Act 2008 and apply zero carbon Standards at the earliest possible opportunity through revision of the Local Plan.
2. That the administration promote all new buildings to be built zero carbon from 2025, and that a strategic plan is established in partnership with the homes board and in consultation with the

building development industry to enable some Bristol City Council and private projects to achieve this standard earlier

Motion to be moved by: Councillor Lisa Stone