

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES

**SUBJECT: Securing The Future of Council Housing**

**BRIEF STATEMENT OF SUBJECT MATTER:**

Southwark Council and 20 of the largest council housing landlords in the country came together - on a cross-party basis - to launch an interim report "[Securing the Future of Council Housing](#)".

The Report contains the following 5 recommendations to be presented to the Government:

- 1. Establish a new fair and sustainable HRA model:** including a long-term and certain rent-settlement, an adjustment of HRA debts and more favourable conditions for council investment.
- 2. Reform unsustainable Right to Buy policies:** by reducing discount levels and eligibility, as well as protecting newly built council homes from sale.
- 3. Remove red tape on the Affordable Homes Programme and other funds:** including extending the strategic partnership model to councils. Funding should be streamlined, allocated simply, reflect recent cost inflation, and allowed to be used flexibly to meet local housing need.
- 4. Announce a Green & Decent Homes Programme:** a long-term, capital funded programme to bring all council housing up to the new standard of safety, decency and energy efficiency by 2030 – and a road map for achieving net zero by 2050.
- 5. Fund the completion of new council homes:** limit the short-term loss of housing supply and construction sector capacity caused by the unfolding market downturn, by funding councils to rescue and complete stalled development projects.

The report makes the case for council housing as a key solution to many of the challenges faced by residents and country. Setting out a long term plan to deliver more and better council homes.

Southwark have approached the Council to invite us to be a part of this plan to work with the government by becoming a signatory to the Report.

**DECISION:**

**RESOLVE THAT**

**Redditch Borough Council to become a signatory to the Securing The Future of Council Housing Report.**

**(Executive decision)**

**GROUNDS FOR URGENCY:**

**The Report is to be launched in September 2024 and signatory Councils need to have done this by 14<sup>th</sup> August. The next Executive Committee is not due to take place until 3<sup>rd</sup> September, which is after this deadline.**

**DECISION APPROVED BY:**

*(Acting)* CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINANCE & RESOURCES**  
*(if financial implications)*

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**(Signature) (Sue Hanley - (CX)**  
**(Or Deputy CEO in her absence)**

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**(Signature) (Peter Carpenter)**

**Date: August 2024**

<b>PROPOSED ACTION SUPPORTED</b> <i>(amend as appropriate)</i>				
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<b>MAYOR *</b>	<b>PF HOLDER</b>	<b>LEADER</b>	<b>LDR of the CONSERVATIVE Group</b>	<b>CHAIR O&amp;S Committee</b>
Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:

Notes:

\* In addition to the Executive decision above regarding the matter under consideration, the Mayor is signing to agree both that the Executive decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. This is to ensure that the call-in procedures as set out in Part 8 of the Constitution shall not apply where an Executive decision being taken is urgent.