

Council – 20 November 2024

Liberal Democrat Group Amendment to motion 8b – Affordable Housing

A thriving economy and homes for all is one of Trafford Council's new priorities.

Trafford Council recognises the acute need for affordable housing in the borough and has already secured a pipeline of affordable homes as part of current and future housing developments.

The 2024 Labour Party Manifesto set out the new Labour Government's aspirations for social and affordable housebuilding:

“Labour will deliver the biggest increase in social and affordable housebuilding in a generation. We will strengthen planning obligations to ensure new developments provide more affordable homes; make changes to the Affordable Homes Programme to ensure that it delivers more homes from existing funding; and support councils and housing associations to build their capacity and make a greater contribution to affordable housing supply. Labour will prioritise the building of new social rented homes and better protect our existing stock by reviewing the increased right to buy discounts introduced in 2012 and increasing protections on newly-built social housing.”

In addition, GM Mayor Andy Burnham has set out his Greater Manchester Vision for Housing, within which a new Greater Manchester Housing First unit will develop a plan it will submit to Government to build a new generation of council and social housing. The aim is to build 10,000 of those homes, equating to 1000 in every Greater Manchester borough, by 2028 and within the next Mayoral term.

This Labour Council, working in partnership with GM Mayor Andy Burnham and the new Labour Government, is committed to building more affordable housing.

The Council therefore resolves to:

1. Work closely with Greater Manchester Combined Authority to maximise the delivery of affordable housing in Borough;
2. Explore opportunities for Truly Affordable Net Zero Homes;
3. **Incorporate a requirement for 1000 new social homes into the recently approved Places for Everyone allocations in Trafford, enabling the delivery of further social homes through future projects;**
34. Work with the Labour Government to explore any future grant funding opportunities to help deliver more affordable housing and social rented homes.