

**QUESTION NO 2**

**By Councillor Johnston for answer  
by the Leader of the Council at a  
meeting of the Council on 10  
February 2022**

**Question**           **(1)** The Council Leader may remember making a statement in the May 2019 Corporate Policy & Strategy Committee that 2037 was a hard limit (not a target) to achieve net zero carbon, adding that 2037 would be the year “by which time everyone in the City should be fully compliant.”

In light of his hard limit, how disappointed was the Leader to see that the Officer recommendation 1.1.2 in the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Strategy (2022-32) noted the outcome of the annual review of the Business Plan and based on a 1.8% rent increase in 2022/23 (2% per annum thereafter) that, amongst other things, net zero carbon could only be achieved by 2038 (eight years later than originally planned) for HRA housing estate?

**Answer**           **(1)**

**Question**           **(2)** Will the Leader be hoping to present a budget to Council later this month with both a rent freeze for 2022/23 and a costed net zero target for our HRA estate to be implemented before 31 December 2037?

**Answer**           **(2)**