

Addendum by the Green Group

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

3 June 2021

Item 7.4 – Housing Sustainability Update

In recommendations:

Insert at the end of 1.1.1,

“, and warmly welcomes that, as of November 2020, all new council housing going forward for planning approval will be net zero carbon;”

Insert new paragraphs as follows:

“1.1.4 Notes that in relation to new council homes, ‘net zero carbon’ implies an element of offsetting, and therefore agrees that future updates in the Capital Investment Programme will specify how new council buildings will align with Scottish Building Regulations’ silver / gold / platinum categorisation, and how the new Scottish Government’s commitment to all new local authority homes being zero emission homes by 2026 will be met in Edinburgh;

1.1.5 Notes that achieving significant emissions reductions from existing council homes is highly dependent on council homes in mixed tenure blocks; welcomes the establishment of the Mixed Tenure Improvement Service, but nonetheless notes that existing funding and policy levers are unlikely to deliver the rapid reduction in emissions required to meet council targets;

1.1.6 Therefore agrees that the Convenor will write to the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, and the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government, to urge the Scottish Government to:

- a) accelerate the Heat in Buildings strategy, and
- b) enhance incentives and introduce regulatory levers as soon as possible to allow local authorities to meet their ambitious carbon reduction and fuel poverty targets, including but not limited to,

introducing regulations to set minimum energy efficiency standards at point of sale and major refurbishment to come into force within the next five years, as recommended by the Existing Homes Alliance Scotland in their recent “Pathway to zero carbon homes” report.

Moved by: Councillor Chas Booth
Seconded by:

Addendum by the Coalition

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Item 7.5 – Updated Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme

Adds

- 1.1.3 Agrees to receive a report in two cycles on the projects outlined in the key priorities in appendix 3. This should include, for large scale projects such as external fabric improvements, status updates on community engagement and consultation, design work, the scope of works and indicative time frames for work to begin.

Moved by: Cllr Kate Campbell

Seconded by: Cllr Mandy Watt

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 7.7 – Approach to Dampness, Mould and Condensation in Council Homes

Deletes 1.1 and replaces with

- 1.1 Agrees the improved processes that are being put in place to manage dampness, mould and condensation issues will take immediate effect, and

Adds:

- 1.3 Agrees that a process will be developed to make sure that data from repairs logged in relation to damp mould and condensation is collated and then used as part of the asset management strategy to help inform future capital investment including the whole house retrofit programme as outlined in the housing sustainability report.
- 1.4 Agrees that a further report will be brought back in six months to update on the asset management strategy, how data is monitored to ensure investment is targeted to where it is needed most alongside an analysis of the implementation of the new processes including data on the number of cases where mould has been removed and reinstatement work carried out.

Moved by: Cllr Kate Campbell

Seconded by: Cllr Mandy Watt