

Council: Tuesday, 20 January 2015

Administration Motion: Councillor Tom Davey

General Fund Housing

Council notes that with accelerating population and economic growth, housing supply is an increasing concern among residents.

Council recognises that Barnet has some of the largest and most ambitious regeneration schemes in London, which have begun to deliver on the 20,000 plus new homes they are set to add. Council notes that 3260 new homes were built in the three years to 2013, including 1072 affordable homes – placing Barnet in the top third of London boroughs on this measure.

Council further notes that progress is being made to expand the programme of council house building, with another 38 having gone through the planning phase. Council recognises, though, that it is important to investigate and take advantage of all options for providing new homes for families.

Council notes the decision by neighbouring Labour-run Camden Council to develop property for private sale. Council believes that building or developing General Fund housing is both a way of increasing provision to meet resident demand and also a means of helping the taxpayer share in the opportunities of growth, closing the budget gap and thus offsetting potential future further cuts.

Council instructs officers to explore a programme of General Fund housing to sit alongside our existing and progressing regeneration and council house building schemes.