

Warwick District Council
20 February 2019

**Item 11 - Housing Rents and Housing Revenue Account Budget 2019/20
Amendment**

To Consider an amendment from Councillor Davison, seconded by Councillor Mrs Falp that In order to address fuel poverty, provide higher quality housing and enable a substantial reduction in fuel costs and carbon dioxide emissions from residential properties, this Council allocates up to £90,000 from the HRA Capital Investment Reserve to prepare a plan to incorporate Passivhaus principles into the construction, refurbishment and use of WDC homes as part of the Housing Investment Programme.

Notes:

1. The plan should be completed within 9 months, drawing on expertise developed elsewhere. Dedicated officer time and use of external consultants are envisaged.
2. The plan may propose: building some council and/ or shared ownership homes to Passivhaus standard; building all new homes with a fabric first approach and performance in use monitoring; and, retrofitting existing housing stock.
3. This motion develops Warwick District Council's Strategic approach to sustainability and climate change 2016 to 2020 Issue 4, June 2018, specifically in terms of reducing fuel poverty and improving the energy efficiency of WDC housing stock. The stock condition survey and the progress already made for all council homes to have Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) rated D or better are important steps: see appendix 2.
4. Following the recent UN conference, we may need to eliminate CO2 emissions by 2030; however, we are not even on track to meet the much weaker UK target of 80% reduction in emissions by 2050