

COUNCIL MEETING

10TH DECEMBER 2018

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1. From Rich Wilsher to the Renewal, Recreation and Housing Portfolio Holder

Can the Council outline how it plans to take advantage of recent policy changes intended to tackle the housing crisis and increase house building in London, including the Community Secretary's announcement to scrap the Housing Revenue Account cap, and will the Council commit to respond to the G15 'Offer to London' report, which details how leading housing associations can work with London Councils to increase the supply of affordable and social housing?

Reply:

Increasing the supply of housing to meet housing need is a strategic priority for the Council. The range of activities being undertaken are highlighted in the homelessness strategy and forthcoming housing strategy. Whilst the Council does not currently directly own and manage housing stock through an HRA it does continue to work with a range of partners to maximise supply including a joint venture SPV to acquire properties, the refurbishment of vacant units and new developments including use of Bromley owned sites. There are a number of different delivery and management vehicles to secure new housing developments and the Council continues to review all of these to ensure that the models utilised offer the most effective delivery method and best value for money for the Council. The Council is already working closely with its housing association partners and the GLA to maximise housing supply and continues to explore all potential opportunities through its housing association partner arrangements and the Bromley Federation of Housing Associations as a whole.