

## **Council**

Tuesday, 27th February 2024, 6.30 pm  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley and YouTube

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the above meeting of the Council, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was published.

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Three public questions have been received.

Chris Sinnott  
Chief Executive

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**Question One**

Although the Council has invested in "Housing where residents can live well", these appear to be in the scope of care facilities, namely a number of units at Tatton Gardens, Primrose Gardens and Woodlands; The scheme to adapt homes to sustainable heating and maintenance solutions for the most vulnerable is also commendable; and provision of affordable housing sounds positive.

They do not address the most financial, green and secure sustainable solution for Chorley Residents, however. The most secure way to ensure green solutions, providing safe homes for Chorley residents already housed or those needing to be housed, is to invest in Social Housing, provided by the Council, run by the council and maintained by the council.

The under-spend of the Capital Program to invest in this area is a clear indication of lost opportunity in a time where local council New House builds are not aimed at the most vulnerable but at the general housing market or specialised care facilities. Neighbouring boroughs have started expansion in this area, with South Ribble having completed the first phase and Preston looking to move ahead with extensive plans.

Further, we have many residents living in squalid council funded properties, neglected by housing associations, and left bereft and with choice or voice. Surely the first step would be to bring existing housing standards up to a safe level of health and safety by bringing their running in house and fully accountable.

Long term investment in truly affordable Council Houses, built sustainably, on existing brownfield sites would be the greenest option to long term, truly named, "housing where residents can live well."

In short, the capital program only invests in money making schemes, that creates revenue that is reinvested into money making schemes. It is a fine example of capitalism, and worthy of a Tory Council, but many people voted for a long term investment in its people and their well being.

Why haven't any of these issues been addressed over the years of low council housing investment?

Jenny Hurley

**Question Two**

I note on the agenda for this £353,000 to be spent improving bus shelters. I would like to attend to ask if this means there will be a more regular local bus service than now.

Catherine Waring

**Question Three**

Is the increase in garden waste a green agenda? If so how?

Humayra Atiq

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