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NOTICE OF MOTION – STRATEGIC THEME MOTION

Tenants' Champion

Council requests Cabinet establish a Tenants' Champion service, that would:

- Be similar to (the non-stock holding) Richmond Council's Tenants' Champion, a service that that has been in place for more than 10 years;
- Work to support both tenants and leaseholders who rent or lease their properties from a housing association and also private renters in the borough,
- Provide support by giving someone for residents to contact if they had long-running, unresolved complaints with their landlord, and by providing relevant information to renters more generally;
- Be trialled for a year and report their work to full Council.

Cllr Anthony Fairclough

Councillor Eloise Bailey

Councillor Simon McGrath

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Agenda item 7b – Strategic Theme: Main Report

Liberal Democrat Group Amendment to the recommendations within the Strategic Theme Main Report:

Add Recommendation B, as follows:

Acknowledges the 40% affordable housing target, and notes with regret the current rate achieved of 13% and the lack of proposals for using Council owned sites to deliver more affordable housing. Therefore Council requests Cabinet to develop a plan for how affordable housing targets can be achieved, to be presented to Council no later than November 2021.

Cllr Anthony Fairclough

Cllr Simon McGrath

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Agenda item 15: Local Plan – submission to the Secretary of State

Liberal Democrat Group Amendment to the recommendations within the report on Item 15- Local Plan-submission to the secretary of state

To add an additional recommendation as follows:

That within the Local Plan: RAYNES PARK: POLICY N3.4(M) should be amended to read:

"Ensuring new homes are of a high design quality and support housing choice by requiring development to comply with the most appropriate minimum space standards (particularly in the case of dwelling conversions), and that all development respects local character, heritage and amenity in surrounding residential neighbourhoods."

Cllr Anthony Fairclough

Cllr Simon McGrath

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