

Cabinet

Meeting date: 21 October 2025

Public Question

1. Question from Gary Clarke to Cabinet Member for Housing and Customer Services, Councillor Flo Clucas

Can the Cabinet Member confirm, with reference to any existing records or policies from 01 January 2020 to the present, whether there are any plans or intentions to package, transfer, or sell any part of the council's housing stock, including the approximately 4,800 properties managed by Cheltenham Borough Homes, to pension funds, private equity firms, or other third parties? If no such plans exist, will the Cabinet commit to issuing a formal, public declaration within 30 days, confirming that this housing stock will remain under the council's direct ownership, control and management, with no such proposals under consideration? If such plans do exist, what are the specific details of these proposals, including when they were last discussed, and how do they align with the council's duties under the Housing Act 1985 to manage its housing stock for public benefit?

Cabinet Member response:

Thank you for your question. The council has no plans to package, transfer, or sell the council's housing stock. As part of our ongoing approach to strategic asset management there may be occasions when individual properties or types of properties are considered for disposal, for example those where it would not be financially viable to carry out work to meet the decent homes standards. In such cases disposal may be used with any proceeds being re-investment through the Housing Revenue Account.

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