

Committee – Cabinet Housing Committee

Date 25th September 2025

Public Questions (1 total)

1. Question from Mr Gary Clarke

Will the Housing Committee confirm, with reference to any existing records or policies from 1 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 Committee 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?

Response from Councillor Julian Tooke, Chair of the Cabinet Housing Committee

Thank you for your enquiry. The Cabinet Housing Committee is not aware of any plans to package, transfer, or sell any part of the Council's housing stock. In line with the Council's Constitution decisions on the disposal or exchange of land or property is reserved for the Cabinet Member (where the value is between £10,000 and £500,000) or the Cabinet as a whole (where the value is over £500,000). As this decision falls outside of the authority of the Committee, it would be inappropriate to issue a formal, public declaration on this matter. You are welcome to write to the Cabinet Member for Housing or submit your question to the full Council.