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Councillor Drew Tarmey
Elected Member

Via email: Drew.tarmey@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Councillor Tarmey

Council Meeting – Wednesday 30th November 2022

Thank you for submitting a question to the Council Meeting on Wednesday 30th November. I have detailed the question below along with my subsequent response for your information.

Does the administration plan to undertake work to ensure that all council owned homes are carbon neutral by 2030 as part of its commitment to achieving “net-zero”; where it is not possible to make individual buildings carbon neutral due to their construction, what measures will be implemented to ensure that neighbourhoods achieve carbon neutral status?

We are working towards net zero for the Borough by 2040 within the challenging financial context, but with an estimated cost of half a billion pounds to complete the works, we will not be able to achieve this for council stock without significant external investment.

We do have a number of projects underway such as the recently delivered decarbonisation investment works to 217 properties at The Lanes in East Dene. This work was partially funded through the Government’s Green Homes LAD 1B funding. Since completion of the work, residents have noted a marked difference in the thermal efficiency and comfort of their homes.

A further programme of work has also commenced to 140 properties in the Maltby/Hellaby area, supported by funding obtained by the Council from the Government’s Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund. This will deliver improved insulation measures, new roofing, external doors and window replacements with the anticipated outcome of significantly reducing the space heating demand for each property.

The Council will continue to deliver programmes of work such as above, as central Government funding becomes available.

I hope the above information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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