

COUNCIL – 9TH FEBRUARY 2017
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

ITEM 9: MOTION: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Councillor S. McKenna will move and Councillor J.C.S. Essex will second the following Motion:

This Council notes that housing locally is becoming increasingly unaffordable. The current average house price in our borough continues to rise and is now £399,000 (November 2016) which is over ten times the average earnings of our residents. Even a one bedroomed unit sold on a shared ownership basis is beyond the price range of many of our residents.

This Council also notes that our Council has a policy of providing affordable housing for new build schemes, and congratulates the Council on choosing to include 100% affordable housing on the recent Court Lodge development in Horley.

The Council now agrees that publically owned sites should deliver higher levels of affordable housing than our plan for the borough as a whole, including properties for social rent.

This Council also agrees that the Council's new Property Company should also invest in affordable housing.