

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Motion 1 in the name of Councillor Wise to be seconded by Councillor Handley	
Key Decision	no	Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
Class	Part 1	Date: February 26 2014

Motion – Housing crisis

“This Council recognises that London is in the middle of a severe housing crisis. Home ownership is falling. Rents are rising by ten percent a year. Standards in the private rented sector are declining. Overcrowding is getting worse and homelessness is rocketing. This Council regrets that the crisis has dramatically deteriorated under the Coalition Government and Tory Mayor of London. Under David Cameron house building has fallen to the lowest level since the 1920’s. Boris Johnson has missed every one of his own targets for building new affordable homes. On average, Conservative Councils in London have built half as many affordable homes as Labour Councils and a fifth as many Council homes.

This Council believes that tackling the housing crisis must be our highest priority. Accordingly, this Council will:

1. Build more genuinely affordable homes
2. Tackle rogue landlords and rip-off letting agencies
3. Build more homes for London’s growing population
4. Bring empty homes back into use
5. Create jobs and apprenticeships in the building industry”