

COUNCIL

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REDUCTION IN CARBON EMISSIONS - MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN OWENS ON BEHALF OF THE OUR WEST LANCS GROUP

Amendment to be moved by Councillor Jenny Wilkie

Recognising that the Council:

- a. Has declared a climate emergency;
- b. Has significant housing stock in need of improvements to their energy performance and;
- c. Has estates in Skelmersdale New Town requiring remodelling and regeneration

This Council notes that:

- a) **significant work has been done to our council homes such as**
 - **Loft and cavity wall insulation programmes**
 - **Annual A-rated gas boiler replacement programme**
 - **Window and external door replacement programmes – 100% stock has double glazing**
 - **External wall insulation projects-over £2.5m in the last 10 years**
- b) **there has also been investment in various renewable energy installations to benefit our tenants**
- c) **there has also been investment £1/2m in ground source heat pumps and nearly £2m in solar panels to benefit over 500 homes and that the extensive work already completed has put us in a strong position to meet our carbon targets.**

However we recognise more needs to be done. The Sector is stating that the costs could be in the region of around £20-£30k per home to retrofit which would mean the Council would need around £120-£180million to fund such a scheme.

We are working towards collating a true picture of our energy data across the stock, which will be required to help us to make an informed decision on how to meet our carbon neutral agenda. Once the Survey results are obtained the matter will be brought back before Members to enable an informed decision on future investments.

The Council also recognises the work undertaken on the mini estate revival projects, such as in those in Tanhouse, and looks forward to this being rolled out further. Officers are still planning the next major estate revival and plan on bringing this forward next year, but this would still leave the bulk of our

council estates in need of 'revival' with previous estimates of around £600-£800 million we need government support.

That the Council:

- a) instructs council officers to **seek further government funding to support a retrofitting programme of energy efficiency on council housing stock, using the LGA, MPs and any other organisations that can help**
- b) **continues to undertake option appraisals for a third Revival project and the Estate Regeneration Cabinet Working Group be convened before the year end to consider this matter.**