

<b>NOTICE OF MOTION</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	The Great Homes Upgrade
<b>Proposer of motion:</b>	Councillor Mick Yates
<b>Background/supporting information:</b>	
<p>In 2020 official government data showed that 16% of households in Derbyshire, equivalent to 50,000 homes, were living in fuel poverty. According to a 2022 report by York academics now more than three-quarters of UK households will be in fuel poverty by the new year.</p> <p>The definition of fuel poverty is if a household spends more than 10% of its income on fuel costs <i>and</i> if the remaining household income is insufficient to maintain an adequate standard of living.</p> <p>This council believes that a green recovery from the pandemic is not only possible but imperative if Derbyshire is to meet its carbon reduction target to be net zero by 2050.</p> <p>We note that melting ice caps and forest fires can often seem like someone else's crisis when the effects of many of these are so far from our homes. But we also note that crises closer to home, affecting thousands of local families, cannot be separated from those further afield. Here in Derbyshire in 2023 there will be 250,000 families living in fuel poverty. Across the UK there will be more than 24 million homes leaking heat.</p> <p>There is no route to decarbonising the economy without retrofitting more than 24 million homes across the UK. Doing so would not only help to protect our planet, but it would help Derbyshire to be net zero by 2050. It would also improve housing, lead to cheaper energy bills, and create hundreds of thousands of good quality jobs.</p>	
<b>Motion to be proposed:</b>	
<p>That Council: calls upon the Prime Minister to implement a Great Homes Upgrade and a commitment to retrofit 19 million homes by 2030.</p> <p>We also call on the Chancellor to use the Spring Budget to commit to spending £11.7Bn over the next three years to begin a Great Homes Upgrade, and the government to commit to working with housing associations, private landlords, and owner occupiers to upgrade properties to achieve net zero, and to setting up a retrofitting taskforce to target resources to achieve this.</p>	
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