Agenda item no. 6 - Questions from members of the Council

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
MQ 1	Councillor Oliver, Saxon Gate	In the 23/24 budget signed off by the Council there was a commitment to build 2,500 homes for social housing over 10 years. How many of these 2,500 homes will be built in the years to 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025? How many homes are likely to be built in the next 4 years? What was the total number of new houses built in Herefordshire in the year to 31 March 2023? How many house are there for which outline planning or full planning has been granted that still remain to be built?	Economy and Growth

Response:

In the 23/24 budget signed off by the Council there was a commitment to build 2,500 homes for social housing over 10 years.

As part of the Capital Strategy presented by the previous administration to Council in February, it stated –

Cabinet have an ambition to create 2,500 new social and affordable homes over the next 10 years; the council intends to respond to this challenge by progressing plans to invest in developing additional affordable housing stock and retaining it in public ownership.

How many of these 2,500 homes will be built in the years to 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025?

All affordable housing predicted to be delivered in the County is 386

Affordable Rent = 133

Social Rent = 46

Shared Ownership = 89

Rent to Buy = 4

114 units to be confirmed

How many homes are likely to be built in the next 4 years?

All affordable housing predicted to be delivered over the next 4 years is 1274.

Affordable Rent = 397

Social Rent = 180

Shared Equity = 4

First Homes = 10

Shared Ownership = 202

LCM/Discounted = 18 Rent to buy = 8 455 to be confirmed

What was the total number of new houses built in Herefordshire in the year to 31 March 2023?

Monitoring survey data being used for the annual 5 year supply reporting indicates that there have been 704 units completed (net) in the year 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023.

How many house are there for which outline planning or full planning has been granted that still remain to be built?

Unbuilt commitments (net) with full permission, together with outline permissioned units at 31st March 2023 totals 4675. It should be added that this figure may be subject to variation as the 5 year supply report is still being finalised.

NB Net refers to the number of new units built less any demolitions.