



Subject:	Motion – Sections 43A and 43B of the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012
Date:	4 th February, 2020
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider a motion on sections 43A and 43B of the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012, which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 3 rd February.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider the motion and if the proposal is agreed a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	At the Council meeting on 3 rd February, the following motion will be proposed by Councillor Heading and seconded by Councillor Kyle:
3.2	<i>“This Council will be aware of Sections 43A and 43B of the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 outlining that new public building owned by public authorities from 2019 and all</i>

new buildings, including social and private housing developments, “must be a nearly zero energy buildings”, (NZEB43B) by 31st December, 2020.

3.3 *The Council reaffirms its commitment to work with statutory and non-statutory agencies to end fuel poverty and the reduction of carbon emissions.*

3.4 *In addition, it acknowledges the evidence gathered by the World Health Organisation and environmental groups indicating the damage to both health and our climate from fuel poverty. Accordingly, the Council agrees to:*

3.5 *i. write to the Minister of Finance in the NI Assembly seeking an update on how the Department will assist local councils in implementing Sections 43A 43B and enquiring if the Department has an assurance from the building industry that they are prepared and their staff trained to meet this policy implementation;*

3.6 *ii. seek a meeting with the Minister of Finance or his officials to consider the adoption of Passive House standard as an amendment to the 2012 Building regulations or in any new legislation reforming building regulations;*

3.7 *iii. seek an all-Party meeting with the Northern Ireland Federation Housing Association and the Chartered Institute of Housing to discuss how their members will implement and adhere to Sections 43A and 43B and NZEB;*

3.8 *iv. seek an all-Party meeting with the Minister for Communities or Department officials to discuss Passive House standard for all social housing developments, as a means of meeting current obligations set out in Sections 43A and 43B; and*

3.9 *v. write to the Minister for Infrastructure to ascertain if there are any proposals for planning legislation to be amended or introduced to tackle fuel poverty.”*

3.10 *In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion will be referred without debate to the People and Communities Committee.*

3.11 **Financial and Resource Implications**

None associated with this report.

3.12	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None