

Defend Council Housing



We need commitment to INVEST IN COUNCIL HOUSING

Government is spending at least £3.7 billion fuelling property speculation through 'Help to Buy', while a generation is trapped in private renting with disrepair, insecurity and soaring rents. Ministers are driving demolition, and breaking up communities with homelessness and evictions.

We need a clear Labour Manifesto commitment for 2015, for a large scale programme of first class council

housing. There was over 5,000 hectares of undeveloped public land in Britain in 2010.

More and better council housing is essential, as an alternative to the failing private market. The five million people on waiting lists, and many private renters, would welcome a new generation of energy efficient homes with secure tenancies, low rents and an accountable landlord.

Direct public investment is

vital to improve existing and build a new generation of much-needed homes for rent. Empty and unfit homes, and developers' unused land holdings, can be brought into public use.

Councils must be freed to build by removing the burden of inflated and unjustified historic housing debt. They should be allowed to vary or suspend Right to Buy discounts, and given the resources needed to enforce regulation or take over of unfit private landlords.

Stop privatisation

Labour conferences from 2005 have supported a 'fourth option' of direct investment without strings as an alternative to privatisation. Tenants, trade unions, councillors and MPs united against privatisation of council housing, are a winning force.

With public investment cut by 60%, housing associations are imposing fixed term tenancies and up to 80% ('Affordable') rents. >>>

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CUT RENTS NOT BENEFITS...
COUNCIL HOUSING NOW
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LABOUR CONFERENCE 2014 DCH MEETING:

Tuesday 23rd September 6pm
Manchester Friends Meeting House
Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS

Speakers ● Austin Mitchell MP ● Maria Brabiner, Anti Bedroom Tax Fed ● Councillor Peter Wheeler, DCH national Committee ● Anti demolition and MIPIM campaigners ● Neil Andrews, UCATT exec and other trade unions ● Eileen Short, Defend Council Housing

