

# Defend Council Housing

## CONFERENCE



**Friday 19 March 2010  
TUC Conference Centre  
Great Russell Street,  
London WC1B 3LS**

**with contributors including**

**Austin Mitchell and other MPs; TUC; Councillors, APSE; tenants including Leeds Tenants Federation; Heather Wakefield (Unison); Jack Dromey (Unite); Prof Peter Ambrose; Shelter; Steve Partridge CIH and others on housing finance**

**and plans for an evening Tenants Question Time with all main parties answering tenants questions on council housing, secure tenancies, fair funding and robbery**

with workshops and debate on:

1. finance reforms – are they good for tenants
2. stock transfer
3. PFI
4. future for ALMOs
5. the new homes we need
6. defending security of tenure
7. independent tenants movement
8. effective united campaigning

With the housing market failing to deliver, waiting lists and overcrowding growing, we need more council housing. Reform proposals for financing council housing and funding for 3,000 new council homes, mark a welcome change of policy. But privatisation through stock transfer, PFI schemes, demolition and sell offs of council homes and land to private landlords, continue to threaten council tenants' security, lower rents and democratic accountability of our landlord.

At this key moment in the run-up to a general election, join councillors, MPs, tenants and trade unions to make sure our views on council housing are heard loud and clear.

Find out the latest on financial reform proposals and whether they offer a sustainable financial future for council housing. Hear views and experience of tenants across Britain, and updates from campaigns to defend our secure tenancies, and against attacks on council housing.

# BOOKING FORM FOR DCH CONFERENCE 19 MARCH 2010

Friday 19 March 2010, 10.30am – 4.30pm (registration 9.30am onwards)

TUC, Congress House, 23-27 Great Russell St, London WC1

## Delegate fees:

Individual tenants £5; funded tenants, trade unions, councils and others £25

Basic lunch plus tea/coffee during breaks: £4



Please try and register in advance (by 12 March if possible) to give us an idea of numbers attending and workshop preferences. If you don't know all the delegates' details, please fill the form in with as much information as you can and send with payment, then send or bring with you the delegates' details on the day. This will help make registration much quicker for everyone! (You will be able to register and pay on the day if necessary)

## DETAILS OF ORGANISATION / PERSON BOOKING PLACES:

Name..... Local Authority Area .....

Organisation..... Position.....

Address.....

Tel No(s)..... Email.....

## DELEGATES (if different from above) Photocopy to fill in more delegates names if required

Name..... Address.....

Tel/ Email (optional) ..... Fee (£5 / £25)..... Refreshments required (£4) (yes/no)

Workshop preference (tick) 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  (see full list of workshops overleaf)

Do you want to take part in a Tenants Question Time session with candidates from major political parties? [tick box]

Name..... Address.....

Tel/ Email (optional) ..... Fee (£5 / £25)..... Refreshments required (£4) (yes/no)

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**Total No. of Conference Delegates .....**

**Total Conference Fees £.....**

Affiliation fee..... Amount £..... No. of MPs reports..... Amount £.....

No of Broadsheets..... Amount £..... Mailing Subscription..... Amount £.....

**Total Enclosed £.....**

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**Defend Council Housing**  
STOP PRIVATISATION:  
INVEST IN  
COUNCIL  
HOUSING

**INSIDE:** • The case against privatisation page 2 • How to invest page 3 • What is council housing finance page 4-5 • Reasons it's crucial page 6-7 • What you can do page 8-9 • What's in store page 10-11 • What's in store page 12-13 • What's in store page 14-15

**HOUSE OF COMMONS COUNCIL HOUSING GROUP**  
**Council Housing: Time to Invest**  
Full funding, investment and building council housing  
Our report to the Government's Review of Council Housing Finance

**REVIEW OF COUNCIL HOUSING FINANCE**  
This report sets out the findings of the House of Commons Council Housing Group's review of the financial position of local authorities in respect of their responsibilities for council housing. It highlights the need for a significant increase in investment in council housing, and makes recommendations for how this can be achieved.

## AFFILIATE

### Annual affiliation fees:

Tenants/Community Organisations:  
Local £10 District/Regional £25 National £50

Trade Union Organisations:  
Local £50 District/Regional £100 National £250

## ORDER MATERIAL TO DISTRIBUTE IN YOUR AREA

### National newspaper

£20 per 100 / £120 per 1000

**House of Commons Council Housing group report: 'Council Housing: Time to invest' £10 (or £5 for orders of more than 10 copies)**

**Annual subscription to Campaign Mailings & Briefings £15**

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