

# Defend Council Housing

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### Most Important and Recent Reports Published on Council Housing

House of Commons: ODPM Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee

#### **Decent Homes**

*Report of the select committee enquiry into Decent Homes; critical of government's 'dogmatic' three options policy; calls on the government to provide a level playing field for council housing.*

**Published:** May 2004

**Contact:** The Publications Centre, PO Box 29, Norwich, NR3 1GN Tel: 0870 600 5522

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National Audit Office / Public Accounts Committee

#### **Improving Social Housing Through Transfer**

*The PAC produced a report critical of the value and cost-effectiveness of stock transfer based on the NAO findings that it costs "£1,300 a home more than the equivalent renovation under local authority ownership".*

**Published:** March 2003

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[www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200203/cmselect/cmpubacc/590/59002.htm](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200203/cmselect/cmpubacc/590/59002.htm)

House of Commons Council Housing Group

#### **Support for the 'Fourth Option' for Council Housing**

*Report of MPs enquiry covering: evidence of widespread support for council housing; financial case for fourth option; post-transfer/ALMO experience; experiences of unfair debate.*

**Published:** June 2005

**Contact:** Austin Mitchell MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Tel: 020 7219 4559

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[www.support4councilhousing.org.uk](http://www.support4councilhousing.org.uk)

Public Administration Committee

#### **Choice and Voice in Public Services**

**Published:** Nov 2005

**Download:** <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200405/cmselect/cmpubadm/49/49i.pdf>

Audit Commission

#### **Housing: Improving Services Through Resident Involvement**

*Critical of value of tenants on boards*

**Published:** June 04 **Contact:** 0800 502030

[www.auditcommission.gov.uk](http://www.auditcommission.gov.uk)

Audit Commission

#### **Financing Council Housing**

*Detailed examination of council housing subsidy system; describes existing system as 'perverse' and calls for a review.*

**Published:** June 2005

**Contact:** Audit Commission Publications, PO Box 99, Wetherby, LS23 7JA Tel: 0800 502030

**Free Download:** [www.auditcommission.gov.uk/reports](http://www.auditcommission.gov.uk/reports)

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Centre for Public Services

#### **The Case for the 4th Option and a Critique of Arms Length Management Organisations**

**Pub:** May 2004 **Contact:** 0114 272 668

[www.centre-public.org.uk](http://www.centre-public.org.uk)

Local Government Information Unit

#### **Housing: The Right To Choose**

**Published:** June 2004 **Contact:** 020 7554 2800

[www.lgiu.org.uk/pdfs/download\\_pdf/HOUSES.pdf](http://www.lgiu.org.uk/pdfs/download_pdf/HOUSES.pdf)

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