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## **Housing Summit 20 Feb 2021 – action on growing crisis**

We [branch/tenant group/other]

Note the escalating housing crisis bringing debt, fear, anxiety and illness for many due to:

- a) The huge rise in rent and mortgage arrears, is causing a growing eviction crisis due to CV19, after Government lifted the temporary ban on evictions in Sept 2020.
- b) Failure to address the needs of Grenfell survivors and community for justice, or of the three million people living in unsafe homes due to dangerous cladding and inadequate building safety regulation and funding
- c) At least 268,385 homes sitting empty, while 100,000 families are stuck in temporary accommodation, and more are homeless or in inadequate homes
- d) Housing costs are driving more into poverty, with Universal Credit claims six times higher than in 2019, and benefits capped so they do not cover most private rents.
- e) council housing is still underfunded, and homes still being sold off and threatened with demolition

Believe tenant, leaseholder, trade union and housing campaigns need to organise together to win changes to:

- f) reinstate the eviction ban and relieve individuals of the burden of housing debt accrued due to CV19
- g) commit local Councils not to evict tenants in CV19-related arrears, and to demand their partner housing associations and private landlords give the same commitment.
- h) ensure safe homes and justice at Grenfell and across Britain, with fire service-approved public sector building safety regulation and inspection
- i) oppose Government plans to scrap local planning controls through deregulation and land grabs as outlined in the 2020 Planning White Paper
- j) Build 100,000 new council homes a year, with grant funding for existing and new homes

Agree

To take part in the online Housing Emergency Summit 20 Feb 2021 to bring together these issues and link tenants, campaigners, labour and trade union groups, to strengthen the anti-eviction and housing justice movement we urgently need. Register here: <https://bit.ly/35ZIYLv>