



Action Charter for the Housing Crisis



Model Trade Union Motion

This branch/Region notes:

- That housing is a major component of the Cost of Greed Crisis. A rising generation has been shut out of the housing opportunities which their parents enjoyed. There is a worsening crisis of standards in the social housing sector. Private sector tenants suffer poor standards, poor value for money, and low security.
- That the Labour Party's general election manifesto in 2019, and the Levelling Up Parliamentary Select Committee in 2020 (with a majority of Conservative MPs) both supported a large scale house building programme to build new social rent and council homes, funded by government development grant.
- The Shelter report 'A Vision for Social Housing' (2019) set out a detailed case for investment which will pay for itself in reduced benefit costs, and reduced costs from social exclusion and inequality.

This branch/Region believes:

- That housing for the people must come first. We need public investment in homes and communities. In place of a market driven by inflated values, and policies shaped by the short term interest of developers, we need more decent and secure housing to rent and buy at prices that people can afford.

This branch/Region resolves:

- To support the **Action Charter for the Housing Crisis** put forward by the **Homes for All** campaign and **Defend Council Housing**. We urge our trade union national executives, Trades Councils, Labour Parties, local authorities, and others to do likewise.
- This Branch/Region/National Union further resolves to affiliate to and support **Homes for All** campaign and **Defend Council Housing**, and to make an appropriate donation. Donations to **Homes for All** at the following account will be shared between **Homes for All** and **Defend Council Housing**.
- To make a donation of (**£50** Branches/**£100** Regions/**£250** National payable to **Homes for All**
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The five point Action Charter for the Housing Crisis

- 1** Government investment in a mass council housing building programme, including requisitioning of empty homes and abolition of 'right to buy'
- 2** Rent controls and secure tenancies in the private rental sector. Robust regulation of housing associations
- 3** New funding to repair and refurbish existing council housing – do not demolish
- 4** Adequate funding for fire safety, and for retrofitting and thermal insulation
- 5** Planning for the people and the planet, and not for developers' profits

Proposer:

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