

Motion on Housing

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Left Unity regards the provision of housing as a basic right.

Towards this end we demand:

- A massive revival of council and other social house building programmes. The shortage of housing must be ended.
- Council and social housing must be high quality, energy- efficient and with spacious rooms. Where appropriate, outside areas must be provided for children to play.
- Accommodation to be allocated on the basis of need and rents set at a token level. There should be life-long tenure.
- Communal housing schemes with shared services, gardens, swimming pools, gyms, etc should be included as part of the mix of housing options.
- Housing estates and blocks of flats should be democratically run by tenants in conjunction with the local authorities and relevant trade unions.
- Architects should be encouraged to innovate and use their imagination. However, the design of all newbuilds and the refurbishment of existing accommodation should fully involve future residents and the wider local community.
- A publicly-owned building corporation to be established to ensure that planned targets for house-building are reached and to provide permanent employment and ongoing training for building workers.