

# A plan for housing in Wales

## Ensuring everyone can access a suitable, safe and affordable home

Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru calls for the next Welsh government to commit to the following:

#### 1. To enshrine the right of adequate housing into Welsh legislation

In order to ensure that housing becomes the foundational mission we need it to be, to address the structural and systemic problems with our housing system in Wales, CIH Cymru believes the right to adequate housing must be incorporated into Welsh law.

#### 2. More social and affordable homes

An additional 20,000 social homes over the next Senedd term, needing an investment of £646 million per annum.

### 3. Improve our existing homes and tackle fuel poverty

We need an investment of £210 million per annum to decarbonise our social housing stock over the next ten years. We also need to consider how we will decarbonise the private sector, which makes up 84 per cent of all homes.

### 4. Address stigma and promote diverse communities

More coordinated action is needed to address stigma associated with social housing. We need a national campaign to focus on who lives in social housing and its importance in meeting demand for suitable, safe and affordable homes.

#### 5. A professional and resilient workforce

Two thirds of our latest sector snapshot respondents highlighted that external pressures are negatively impacting their mental health and wellbeing. People work in housing to make a difference. Now is the time for a workforce strategy to build a resilient and valued workforce, recognised for its expertise.

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