

Tpas Election Webinar

Top Takeaways

With the election some might say thankfully drawing to a close, Tuesday saw some lively online discussion in our special Election Webinar led by Caritas and Claire from the policy team.

During a busy two hours we looked at the Tpas priorities for a new government that form our Tpas Asks campaign and deep dived into each of the 4 main party's manifestos to see what their offer was for the voting public when it came to Housing Policy. Here for those unable to attend are our top takeaways.

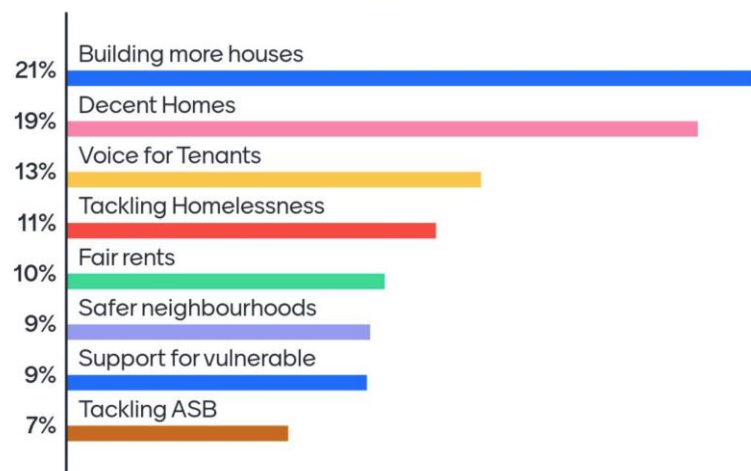
Build More Houses

The attendees who were a 50/50 mix of tenants and staff were asked to prioritise their top issues for the sector and unsurprisingly the need to build more houses came out on top. The discussion went on to say that the priority was not only to build more housing, but also the right sort of housing, with a plea to all to stop over selling affordable housing as for many on the lowest incomes that just wasn't an option.

Tackling the poor state of existing social homes also polled high with many mentioning issues such as damp and mould and the chronic underfunding of initiatives to improve existing stock. A call for major investment was made with much discussion on how stock conditions played a contributing factor in health and economic deprivation.

Many in the room were appreciative of the new consumer standards but felt that a properly resourced and supported national tenant voice in housing policy and strategy development was essential. Those attending felt it needed to be able to feed from the bottom up and that using existing structures such as the regulator and local authorities to assist in facilitation was vital.

What are your housing priorities



Tpas will use the information gathered at the event to help shape our plans to lobby the new government alongside our ongoing policy conversations with members, partners, and government.

Watch this space!