

Council Heed Conservative Calls for New Council Homes

MK Council is set to announce plans to spend Â£10 million on building up to 100 new council homes following calls from local Conservative leaders.

Back in October the City's leading Tories joined forces to urge MK Council to tackle the housing shortage in Milton Keynes by building more council stock.

The call came following discussions with the Housing Minister, Brandon Lewis MP, where Cllr Bald raised the needs of Milton Keynes and the importance of building more stock.

The previous Conservative council administration built 13 wheelchair accessible bungalows in Stacey Bushes and set plans for a further 13 bungalows in West Bletchley.

It is expected that 100 new council homes will be built over the next two to three years. The final decision will be made at Cabinet on 8 December.

After speaking with Edith and Iain, I am delighted to hear that discussions are now underway to invest in 100 new council homes. I am also pleased that the Labour council are looking to build on what the previous administration had started.

My colleague Iain Stewart MP welcomed the decision, "Cllr Bald and I called for more council homes as we feel it is so important, as a City we tackle the housing shortage. I am glad the Labour Council learnt from Cllr Bald's time as cabinet member for housing and have put these plans in place. However, I hope they have got their budgets correct and I am sure Cllr Bald will ensure they have. I will continue to lobby Ministers to ensure our City has the infrastructure it needs."

Cllr Bald commented, "I am of course delighted to hear new council homes are to be built and that Labour took on board my advice. I have always said the only way to solve the housing shortage is to increase stock. However, like Iain I hope that they have got the finances in order to allow for this investment."