



# MANIFESTO 2024

## HOUSING POLICY PANEL

The Housing Policy Panel came into being as a consultative and advisory body to support the work of the Department for Communities (DfC) in relation to social housing.

We aim to be the voice of tenants at a strategic level and represent tenants' interests concerning social housing policy development.

The panel consists of tenant representatives from the main social housing providers in Northern Ireland, including the Housing Executive, and professionals from Supporting Communities and civil servants from DfC.

As well as acting in an advisory capacity to the Department, our tenant representatives liaise with social housing providers in other parts of the UK and Ireland to share best practice and feedback to their respective social housing providers.

*Learn more:*

<https://www.tpsupport.org/housing-policy-panel>

- We believe everybody should have access to good quality, affordable and sustainable homes appropriate for their needs and located within a thriving and inclusive community.
- We support the practice of Tenant Engagement & Empowerment, which stresses that tenants should have opportunities to be involved in developing, monitoring, assessing, and reporting on the quality of the housing services the landlord provides.
- We urge Government initiatives to bring homelessness to an end.
- We believe Government must provide suitable and affordable homes in rural and urban areas.
- We support the DfC in developing and progressing its Housing Supply Strategy 2022-2037, emphasising building safe, affordable and inclusive communities over the next 15 years.
- We need an updated Tenant Participation Strategy from the DfC to increase the standards for tenant engagement and opportunities for community involvement across all social landlords in Northern Ireland.