

Leith Housing Update



Lesley Hinds discussing Local Housing Investment Plans with Housing Convenor Cammy Day, and Local Councillor Gordon Munro

***Lesley said
'I've supported huge investment in our tenants homes, and 8000 new homes for Edinburgh'***

- £6 million investment in the Leith area in 2016/17. (£6 million makes up about 12% of the total investment programme in 2016/17)
- 400 homes will benefit from this investment. Leith Fort will deliver 94 new affordable homes in Leith over the next 3 years.
- investment in the regeneration of Coatfield Lane.
- Investment to Multi Storey – External Fabric in Leith.
- In the last five years an average of £8,000 has been invested per home.
- Over 10,000 homes have benefited from energy efficiency measures, such as new boilers, heating systems, insulation, windows and external doors.
- In addition to this, tenants have benefited from further modernisation investment to common areas including lift car upgrades, stair windows, door entry systems and external fabric improvements.
- Hundreds of new kitchens and bathrooms invested in council homes in Leith.

Edinburgh Labour put forward a budget with an ambitious plan to expand the current Council-led house building programme of 3,000 homes to build 8,000 new affordable homes over 10 years. This is a strategy our housing association partners agree with and they have committed to matching it with their own 8,000 homes.

We will be working with the Local Port of Leith Housing Association to deliver much need local housing in Leith and wider community benefits.

Leith Housing Update



- Help for First Time buyers to save towards a deposit
- A ban on rip off rent rises to help people in the private sector
- Building at least 60,000 affordable homes in the next parliament

Scottish Labour believes that **every person** in Scotland has the right to a safe, affordable and warm home, whether you are a private renter, a social tenant or looking to buy for the first time. Under the SNP we have seen a housing crisis in Scotland, with over 150,000 on social waiting lists. We have seen huge increases in the amount charged by landlords for private rents and three quarters of non-owners feel they will never own a home, with half citing the size of the deposit as a barrier. After **nearly a decade in office** the SNP government in Edinburgh have been managerial rather than radical on housing.

That's not good enough. With new powers coming to Scotland, we can do things differently. We can reject austerity, cut inequality and boost aspiration.
#HouseToHome

Young people in Scotland are getting a raw deal under the SNP Government. With our help for first time buyers, savers will get thousands of pounds in matched funding from a Labour Scottish Government when they buy a home.

The plan will boost the economy by targeting the investment on new build houses and flats, providing jobs, regenerating brownfield sites and helping to grow the economy.

Politics is all about making choices. Scottish Labour will use the money previously earmarked to reverse tax credit cuts to help a new generation to aspire to home ownership. Labour would spend money to help young people get on in life, whereas Nicola Sturgeon would rather spend that same money on a **tax cut to help airlines**. It's clear that whilst we are on the side of young people with ambition, the SNP are on the side of big airlines

Get in touch:

Cllr Lesley Hinds - lesley.hinds@edinburgh.gov.uk
0131 529 3235

Cllr Gordon Munro - gordon.munro@edinburgh.gov.uk
0131 529

Cllr Cammy Day - cammy.day@edinburgh.gov.uk
0131 529 3281

Facebook: [Edinburgh Northern and Leith CLP](#)

Twitter: [@EdNandL_CLP](#)

#HouseToHome

Leith Housing Update