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Scottish Federation of
Housing Associations

Scottish Election 2016

Housing Matters!

**Our key calls on Scottish political
parties and what we're offering the next
Scottish Government in return.**

In 2016 we are asking the Scottish political parties to:



Fund the building of 12,000 affordable homes a year.



Maintain the newly increased grant available to housing associations from the Scottish Government (the investment rate) to build new homes. This means at least £70k of public investment for a typical family home and that housing associations can borrow more privately at no further cost to the public purse and bring more money into social housing.



Tackle fuel poverty and achieve energy efficiency by making sure all homes are 'Category C' energy efficient by 2025.



Use the coming Scotland Bill powers to make sure tenants don't have their benefits slashed and social landlords don't see their rents going unpaid.



Recognise that good housing prevents poor health and wellbeing, make sure housing is part of health and social care integration in the new partnerships between the NHS and Local Authorities and work together with social landlords to meet the challenges of integration.



In return, we say to the next Scottish Government:



We can help you build those 12,000 homes.



We can bring in more private sector money – if you can maintain that investment rate.



We can make our houses warm, dry and cheap to heat.



We can support our tenants – if you can support us.



We can keep people safe and well. We are a preventative health and wellbeing service.



Our values & mission:



The SFHA leads, represents and supports Scotland's housing associations and co-operatives.



We want to see a thriving housing association and co-operative sector providing sustainable and affordable homes.



Read the four most recent key reports on Scottish housing view online or download from: www.sfha.co.uk/pages/vital_info



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