

## **NFA Statement on the Government's Housing Announcements**

The NFA has worked hard to make the case for the need to build more social rented and council homes based on the evidence provided by our members, and we are pleased to see an additional £2 billion of funding for homes at rents affordable for local people, some of which will be at social rents again. We are also pleased to see a recognition of the central role that councils have to play in building these homes and that a number of our specific asks from both our previous discussions with Gavin Barwell when he was Housing Minister and our response to the [Housing White Paper](#) earlier this year have been acted upon.

We are also pleased that the Government has listened to us and the rest of the sector and has set out a new rent policy post 2020 for CPI plus 1%, which is precisely what our members told us they needed to develop new housing, and which formed a key part of our work which fed into [Autumn Budget](#) discussions. This certainty around rent setting will provide a sustainable footing for councils to develop long-term business plans again with new housing at the heart of them where possible.

These are great steps in the right direction to get housing policy back on the right road and we will continue our dialogue with Government on the remaining barriers for some in developing more new council homes for the future.