

## Lancaster District Wide Tenants Forum

### Response to Council Housing Budget Consultation for Consideration at Council 02 February 2011

“The District-wide Tenants’ Forum accepts the recommendation to set the average council housing rent for the forthcoming year at 6.9%.

The DWTF considers that the rents charged are good value for money and reasonable particularly when compared to the private sector and other social housing providers.

The DWTF wants to ensure that the level of maintenance and improvement is maintained to ensure that the quality and standard of accommodation remains high.

The DWTF recognised the challenges faced in ensuring that the housing services are adequately funded to ensure that the services tenants expect and want are fundable.

The DWTF is concerned how any increase in rent affects people on low incomes but recognises that those who are on the lowest incomes are protected through housing benefits and that the rent levels proposed still are excellent value when compared with other housing providers.

The DWTF expressed its thanks for the good quality services they received, particularly the repair and maintenance services.”