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**Tolson welcomes New Homes!**

Jim Tolson MSP for Dunfermline West today congratulated Fife Council on its success in receiving £875000 to be put towards purchase of 42 houses from Kingdom Housing. This will be the first new Council Housing in Fife for over 25 years.

Jim said "Much of my casework involves housing issues. There is a major problem in the area finding suitable rented housing for the many people who are currently inadequately housed. I have been a supporter of the resumption of Council house building for many years both as a Councillor and an MSP. I think Fife Council's SNP/Lib Dem administration has made an 'excellent start' on the job of providing more much needed social housing in this area. The next step is get back to the building of new Council homes.

Jim continued "I would also like to thank Cllr. Brian Goodall for his hard work, commitment and leadership ensuring that Fife is in the vanguard of Scottish Councils starting a 'new build' programme. I think Brian has won the respect and the appreciation of politicians of all parties who believe people have a right to a decent home. Working closely with my colleague, Cllr Donald McGregor, he has shown just what can be achieved when political parties put aside their differences and concentrate on delivering for the people who elected them."