

PRIME MINISTERHOUSING COMMITTEE

1. Many of our Back Bench Committees are inviting Ministers to come to explain the policies of their Departments, and listen to back bench opinions.
2. There was a very good meeting indeed yesterday of the Environment Committee, at which John Stanley explained what would be in the (very long) Housing Bill. Michael Heseltine was also present.
3. There was overwhelming and enthusiastic support for the policy of selling Council houses and flats, with Bill Benyon advancing, in a reasoned way, his well-known objection to compelling Councils to sell.
4. You would have been heartened by the recognition that the policy of selling Council houses and flats could transform ownership of wealth, opportunity, mobility, self-respect and political attitudes!

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