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ARCH members win second round of house-building funds

Association of Retained Council Housing (ARCH) members are celebrating success in the second round of bids for funds to build new council homes.

ARCH member authorities are among 73 councils to have been awarded funds in the second phase of the Homes and Communities Agency's Local Authority New Build (LANB) programme, the results of which were announced by housing minister John Healey this week. The funding, made up of £122.6m grant from the HCA and matched by prudential borrowing by the authorities, means a total of 1,900 new council homes will be built, marking the largest council building programme in decades.

ARCH's national chair, Cllr Milan Radulovic, housing portfolio holder at Broxtowe BC, which secured £490,000 in the first round of LANB funds and £743,000 in the second round to build 25 new properties in total, said: 'ARCH has been campaigning for councils to fulfill their potential to build homes and hopes this is the start of a new positive era during which the role of councils as mainstream house-builders is revived. We at Broxtowe are delighted to be able to build high quality, sustainable, affordable homes and congratulate all those ARCH members now able to get building to tackle long waiting lists and meet their local communities' needs.'

NOTES FOR EDITORS

- 1) The Association of Retained Council Housing (ARCH) represents councils whose tenants and residents have chosen for their local authority to be their landlord.
- 2) ARCH has been campaigning for the housing finance system and opportunities for council to fulfill their potential to build new homes. For further information on ARCH visit: www.arch-housing.org.uk
- 3) ARCH members to have secured funding in the second round of Homes and Communities Agency's Local Authority New Build programme include:
 - Birmingham CC - 74 homes
 - Bristol CC - 30 homes
 - Broxtowe BC – 16 homes
 - Bournemouth BC – 20 homes
 - Canterbury CC – 14 homes
 - Corby BC - 8 homes
 - Cornwall Council – 20 homes
 - LB Croydon – 6 homes
 - LB Wandsworth – 38 homes
 - LB Barking and Dagenham – 24 homes

North Warwickshire BC – 15 homes
Norwich CC - 11 homes
Reading BC – 40 homes
Stoke CC – 17 homes
Rugby BC – 8 homes
York CC – 21 homes

4) This follows a first round of funding announced in September, in which a number of ARCH members, including Exeter City Council and West Lancashire District Council, who are currently getting work under way on site across the country were also successful.

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