

# #DECENTHOMES

The Green Party believes that a community with its people securely housed to a high standard of energy efficiency and affordability is a settled community in which individuals and families can prosper. Houses built, renovated and insulated by local firms that are rented or sold to people living and working in Worcester contribute substantially to our vision for a local economy.

## OUR PLEDGE

- In 2021, there were 1,081 empty homes in Worcester, up 123% from 2020. Empty Homes should be used to reduce the need to build on green spaces.
- Worcester Green Party resists the sale of social housing and would promote the use of more flats and dwellings above city centre shops (LOTS) and other suitable under-used premises
- To help those living in fuel poverty, we favour initiatives to install insulation and other energy efficiency measures in homes
- We will push developers for higher minimum standards (at least D rating) of energy efficiency in new housing that truly benefits the residents
- We support 'Building for a Healthy Life' (2020) design guidance when looking at new homes

