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We Can Afford Welfare AND Housing!

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Welfare is a big issue with rising unemployment, deep benefit cuts and the reassessment of those on disability benefits. As the world's 7th richest economy, surely Britain has sufficient resources to fund the welfare state and provide decent housing for all? Do we lack money or will?



Kevin Maguire – Daily Mirror & New Statesman
Teresa Pearce MP
Andy Winter – Brighton Housing Trust
Andrew Fisher – LRC & LEAP



Discuss: established in postwar austerity, why is the welfare state under question today?



2pm - 4.30pm, Saturday 19 May 2012
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Notes for editors

Kevin Maguire is the Associate Editor of the Daily Mirror. He also writes a column in the New Statesman, was formerly chief reporter at The Guardian, and is a regular broadcaster, popping-up on BBC and ITV as a commentator and paper reviewer. Kevin co-hosts a Sunday morning politics show on LBC radio with 'Tory Boy' Andrew Pierce. See: <http://blogs.mirror.co.uk/maguire/>

Teresa Pearce is the Labour MP for Erith and Thamesmead and sits on both the Treasury and the Work and Pensions Select Committees. Teresa is proud to represent the community where she has lived for 30 years. Before her election in May 2010, Teresa worked as a tax inspector for HM Revenue & Customs and as a tax adviser in the private sector, giving her a deep understanding of the public finances from both sides. See: www.teresapearce.org.uk

Andy Winter has worked for Brighton Housing Trust (BHT) since 1985, becoming Chief Executive in 2003. Since then, BHT has doubled in size. Andy is a former councillor and a member of Sussex County Cricket Club. BHT's Mission is to combat homelessness, create opportunities and promote change. BHT works mainly in Brighton, Hove, Eastbourne and Hastings. See: www.bht.org.uk

Andrew Fisher is the Joint National Secretary of the Labour Representation Committee (LRC). He grew up in Worthing, Sussex in a single parent family in the 1980s and 90s before studying social policy at university. Andrew is also the founder and co-ordinator of the socialist economists' network LEAP – the Left Economics Advisory Panel. See: www.leap-lrc.blogspot.com

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