

## Minister pops in to see new welcome homes

After meeting new residents, and representatives from Caerphilly CBC and United Welsh Housing Association, the Minister was shown around the new development of one bedroom apartments and two bed homes.

The Cwrt Yr Orsaf Dan scheme is on the site of the former Bargoed Fire Station and was developed by United Welsh Housing Association in partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council, and WRW Construction Ltd.

The Welsh Government has provided grant funding of £1.4 million for this scheme which is also providing much-needed smaller properties, for those people in the borough affected by the so-called bedroom tax.

The Minister said:

“Having a decent home in a safe community has been proven to have a positive influence on health and wellbeing and plays an important role in improving life chances.

“Investing public money in building and refurbishing homes also contributes to national and local economies, creating and supporting jobs and training opportunities.

“This is also an excellent example of the benefits of partnership working between Welsh Government, local authorities and RSLs in order to achieve our ambitious affordable homes target. Meeting this target will of course be challenging, but it is one we are determined to meet head on.”