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# RAYNER ON THE ROPES

**She flounders in interview  
and refuses to publish legal  
advice ++ Local authority  
launches council tax probe  
and police reconsider case**



'Two Homes' Rayner: Labour's deputy leader yesterday

**LABOUR** was last night under intense pressure to set out the truth about Angela Rayner's controversial property dealings.

Sir Keir Starmer yesterday backed his deputy over claims

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she may have dodged tax and even broken the law when she sold her former council house a decade ago.

The Labour leader said he was 'satisfied' that 'tax and legal' advice

commissioned by Ms Rayner proved she had done nothing wrong. But in an extraordinary twist, the former director of public prosecutions later admitted he had not even seen the advice himself before declaring Ms Rayner to be innocent.

The police this week confirmed they were reconsidering a formal investiga-

tion into the affair, having previously dismissed it. In a further development last night, Stockport Council said it was reviewing whether Ms Rayner claimed a single person's council discount on the property, while letting her brother live there.

Ms Rayner yesterday said she had

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