

# **Building Maintenance Seminar**

Changing times - New approaches: Addressing strategic and operational issues in the repairs and maintenance service



**6 November 2020** Online Seminar

# Programme

#### 10:00 Seminar Start

#### **Chair : Councillor Judy Hamilton, Fife Council**

#### Session One: Service delivery models

# Unitas ..... 2 Years on! The challenges and achievements

- Benefit of the Unitas model to the City of Stoke on Trent and its residents
- How Unitas is adapting to, and dealing with the Covid 19 pandemic
- The next chapter and challenges, politics, budgets, growth efficiency

#### Wayne Booth, Director, Unitas

### Reinvented, restructure and revitalised property maintenance service

- Wigan's 'Freshlook' review and transformation programme
- Workforce modernisation
- Service Modernisation
- Impact of the new delivery model

Linda Mickleburgh, Service Manager Property Maintenance and Sharon Smith, Operations Manager – Contracting, Wigan Council

3C Shared Services – A strategic partnership between Cambridge City Council, Huntingdonshire District Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council

- Developing a solution to address issues of capacity
- Embedding and overcoming the challenging of the new delivery model
- Benefits to the individual, customer and community

# Heather Jones, Strategic Lead, 3C Building Standards

Audience question and answer session

11:15 Virtual Coffee Break

#### Session Two: A tenant centred approach

#### A Key Note address – Optimised Retrofit

Kevin Hammett, Senior Housing Decarbonisation Officer and Tim Mann, Senior Market Housing Officer – Welsh Assembly

### Managing compliance and the contractor relationship for gas servicing

- Gas servicing at Bernselai Homes
- Managing the compliance and client relationship
- Overcoming the COVID-19 challenges

#### Daniel Crossley and Anthony Spencer, Berneslai Homes

# Tackling financial exclusion and tenancy sustainability

- Developing a new vision to address the issues of Universal Credit
- Building a relationship with tenants
- Measuring outcomes and becoming a beacon of good practice

#### Catherine Cunliffe, Income Manager, Lancaster City Council

#### **Managing Tenant Demand**

- Assessing the scale of the issue
- Putting in place a robust plan
- Case study approach

#### Vickie Hacking, Principal Advisor, APSE



# Seminar Objectives

### About the Seminar

The events of the Grenfell Tower tragedy, the COVID-19 pandemic, political agenda and the climate declarations have brought into sharp focus the need for councils to provide good quality, sustainable housing. This combined with the challenging financial position councils are facing is leading local authorities to review and adapt the way that they deliver and carry out their building repairs and maintenance service.

This seminar brings together a range of expert speakers that will explore topics such as approaches to service delivery models, retrofitting and how councils are adopting innovative approaches to supporting tenants and the wider community.

The session also presents an excellent opportunity for delegates to share best practice and gain an overview of how other authorities from across the UK are meeting the challenges head on.

### Who should attend?

The unique event is designed to give service directors, managers, elected members and trade union representatives in the service area housing and building maintenance the opportunity to gain knowledge from experts and to discuss strategic and policy issues.

The seminar will allow delegates to take part in Q&A sessions with our panels of expert speakers either using the online chat function or through audio-video connections. You will need access to the internet and an audio connection to take part, ideally with a video/web cam. A joining link will be sent after you register to attend with full instructions a few days before the event and we will issue a reminder of the joining link to you before the event takes place.

### Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

#### What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance, and documentation including a video showreel following the event.

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Non member delegates fee:	£149 + VAT
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