



seminars

Thursday 6 and Friday 7 October 2016, Leeds

APSE Housing, construction and building maintenance seminar 2016



Thursday 6 October

9.00 Registration, coffee and breakfast pastries

10:00 **Session 1: Building the big picture**

DCLG: Housing Policy Perspective

- Action on Affordable Housing
- The role of Local Housing Companies
- Implications from the Housing and Planning Act 2016

Speaker: Affordable Housing Division, Department for Communities and Local Government

Setting up a local housing company

- Delivering homes for rent
- What legal powers do you have?
- Funding options
- The new Housing and Planning Act – will you be able to avoid Right to Buy?

Speaker: Elizabeth Wood, Walker Morris

Symposium discussion: Right to Buy or Right to Wrong?

A discussion session will take place on the decision by the Scottish Government to abolish right to buy and we will ask should a similar move now follow across the UK? How do we address housing need?

11.00 Coffee and exhibition viewing

11:30 **Session 2: Councils doing it for themselves!**

Homes for All; Findings of the APSE / TCPA Research

- What are the main obstacles to building new homes?
- Affordable Housing or homes for social rent – how can we prioritise need in local areas?
- The role for local councils in new, affordable homes for social rent

Speaker: Mo Baines, APSE, Head of Communication and Coordination

Homes for a £1 – Liverpool's innovation to bring homes back into use

- Bringing empty homes back into use
- Getting the right framework in place
- The success of the scheme
- Lessons learned

Speaker: Tony Mousdale, Empty Homes Manager, Liverpool City Council

Harrogate – New build council homes

- Developing new build homes
- Delivering local apprenticeships
- Taking an entrepreneurial approach
- Where to next?

Speaker: Madeleine Bell, Head of Housing and Property, Harrogate Borough Council

Symposium discussion: Insourcing ALMOs and rediscovering your DLO

A symposium discussion will ask what future is there for ALMOs? Have special purpose vehicles run out of steam? Do we need to reinvent, modernise and rediscover a new DLO model delivering on holistic housing services?

1.00 Lunch and exhibition viewing

2:00 **Session 3: Performance improvement in housing management and building maintenance**

Managing your stores service

- Stock hold or just in time delivery?
- What is the evidence on either option?
- On-site delivery v traditional stores?
- Avoiding waste in stock control

Speaker: Colin McInnes, APSE Solutions Associate

Adopting a strategy for sustainable energy in social housing

- Leeds approach to solar PV
- Impact on reducing fuel poverty
- Creating sustainable energy solutions at a local level

Speaker: Jon Andrews, Planned Works Manager, Housing Leeds, Leeds City Council

The Downsizer Initiative – freeing up family homes

- Birmingham's downsizer initiative
- Developing aspirational dormer bungalows incorporating HAPPI principles.
- Well designed, flexible accommodation for ageing residents
- Releasing under-occupied family sized homes

Speaker: Clive Skidmore, Head of Housing Development, Birmingham City Council

3.00 Coffee and exhibition viewing

3.30 **Discussion forums**

Forum 1: Non-housing repairs

- Providing R&M services to internal and external clients on non-housing stock
- Charging for R&M to private tenants
- Charging for R&M services to local businesses for income generation

Forum 2: Greening your stock

- Energy efficiency and reducing your carbon footprint
- Sources of funding?
- Using more renewable technologies in housing stock

4.30 Seminar Close

Evening programme

7:00pm Pre dinner drinks in exhibition

7:30pm Annual Charity Dinner incorporating the **APSE Housing and Building Maintenance Apprentice of the Year Awards**

Friday 7 October

9.00 – Exhibition viewing and registration

10:00 **Session 5: Homes for the future**

Speed dating: Getting your tenants in new homes fast!

- The Barcelona Housing system
- How quickly can you deliver on new homes?
- Module build – does it work?
- Can module build deliver aesthetically pleasing places to live?

Speaker: Ray Noble, WeLink Energy

Using new technologies to save money and generate income

- Building resilience into your workforce
- Making the most of new product designs
- Make do and mend – an example of a repairable worktop

Speaker: Willie O'Brien, Building Services Co-ordinator, South Lanarkshire Council

11:00 Morning coffee break and exhibition viewing with demonstration of South Lanarkshire's new technologies

11:30 **Session 6: Legal duties - staying safe**

Health and Safety Executive

- Construction risk and construction rewards
- Managing a safe services
- Penalties: what can you do to avoid prosecution?
- Asbestos removal and asbestos safety

Speaker: Dominic Long, HSE

Gas safe register – are you compliant?

- Gas safety in the home
- Carbon Monoxide poisoning – spotting the risks
- Gas safety certificates and records

Speaker: Kevin Winship, Gas Safe

Exhibitor Raffle – be in it to win it! Only people left in the room can win a prize!

12.30 Networking lunch

1:30 Seminar close

Seminar objectives

The context for housing and building maintenance services continues to develop at a rapid pace. The range of topics which impact on local authority services is vast whilst the need for managers to keep abreast of developments in order to provide a tenant centred service remains key.

This seminar will look at a number of these key themes whilst balancing strategic and operational topics. The supply of housing is a topic which continues to have a high profile. There will be presentations from local authorities who have established innovative ways of encouraging development for the benefit of the local population. There will also be a presentation on new approaches to bring empty properties back into use.

Operational matters such as access issues, staff training and tenant safety will be covered as well as a case study of a service review and the resultant benefits. There will also be symposium sessions which will look at topics such as insourcing and the right to buy.

Speakers will be predominantly from local authorities and ALMOs all of whom have experience and expertise of service delivery in difficult times and of managing change. The popular approach of concentrating on case studies will continue and the description of how issues are addressed within specific organisations by managers with similar experience and responsibilities to the audience will remain as an appropriate method of interaction between the speaker and audience.

The 2016 Apprentice of the Year awards will also be held at this event

Who should attend?

- Elected Members
- Service Directors
- Housing Managers
- Building Maintenance and Operations Managers
- Property Managers
- Health and Safety Officers
- Human Resource Managers
- Heads of Service
- Procurement officers
- Trade Union Representatives
- Contractors and Suppliers

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The venue

Leeds Marriott Hotel

4 Trevelyan Square Boar Lane
Leeds
LS1 6ET

Booking form



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Payment information

What's included: The delegate fee covers attendance on both days, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments, and dinner on the evening of Thursday 6 October. Accommodation is not included - please see below.

- APSE members delegate fee:- £249+VAT
- Non-members delegate fee:- £385+VAT
- Private sector organisation:- £499+VAT

Please indicate preferred method of payment (tick):-

VAT registration number 519 286 915

- Please find enclosed cheque (made payable to APSE)
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Accommodation rates (*please indicate requirements below)

Thursday 6 October = Single £60 (subsidised by APSE for full delegates only) Accommodation is also available on Wednesday 5 October at £85 B&B for a single room.

All accommodation costs will be invoiced in advance of the event. Any personal charges should be paid on departure.

Please note that all hotel bookings at this event must be reserved via APSE as the hotel will not accept any direct bookings at the above special rate. Check-in: 2:00pm - Check-out: 11:00pm

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Delegate name	Delegate position	Delegate email	Workshop choice	Accommodation requirements

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