



APSE Online Housing Seminar: Building homes for the 21st Century

Free for APSE members



Tuesday 25 February 2025
Microsoft Teams



Programme

10.30am Session One

Local authority house building

- The changing context for local authority housing provision since 2021
- Key findings from the 2023 research
- Challenges and recommendations

Dr Janice Morphet, Visiting Professor, University College London

Incorporating biodiversity and nature into new build developments

- What we need to know
- How developers are creating and improving natural habitats under biodiversity net gain requirements
- What more needs to be done to reverse nature decline and adapt to the changing planet

Nick White, Principal Adviser - Net Gain, Natural England

A national leader for building new council homes

- Upscaling house building in response to the needs of local residents
- Expanding the Community Investment Programme to build affordable housing
- Effective community engagement

Huw Jones, Head of Community Investment Programme Development, London Borough of Camden

Developing housing to meet the needs of the community

- The Local Plan and what it could mean for increasing the number of social rent homes
- Transitioning from gas to heat pumps and solar panels
- Building supported housing for the benefit of the community

Councillor Jacqui Taylor, Lead for Housing and Community Safety, St Albans District Council.

Audience question and answer session

11.30am Comfort break

11.45am Session Two

Funding structures for LA's to delivery housing

- The government agenda and interventions
- Funding structures, borrowing and income strip lease
- Conclusions

Javid Patel, Senior Director, Head of Public Sector and Strategic Advisor, Eddisons

Homes that support the needs of the Armed Forces community

- Establishing the needs of the tenants
- Integrating the housing in the existing community
- Outcomes of the Cheltenham Road Development

Evonne Coleman Thomas, Assistant Director, Strategic Housing, Development and Property, North Northamptonshire Council

400 Carbon Zero Homes – An award-winning housing development programme

- Taking a holistic approach to make developments truly sustainable
- The impact of the project
- Upskilling the local workforce

Sophie Round, Housing Development Manager, City of York Council

From secondary school to affordable housing

- Overview of the project to build 135 new homes on the site of a former secondary school
- Design and build of the homes
- A catalyst for the regeneration of the area

Joanne Wilkinson, Chief Officer – Housing and Property, Lancaster City Council

Audience question and answer session

13.15 Seminar Close

Seminar Objectives

About the Seminar

The new government have made a commitment to building 1.5 million homes over the next 5 years with a focus on social housing.

Local authorities across the UK have a key role in delivering the homes for the future and this seminar brings together a range of expert speakers that will explore how councils are planning to address the housing crisis and the innovative approaches that are being adopted to deliver social housing for future generations.

Who should attend?

- Chief executives
- Elected members
- Service directors
- Housing and homelessness professionals
- Policy officers
- Trade union representatives
- Homelessness consultants
- Academic researchers

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