



APSE (Southern) Building Resilient Housing Services Seminar

Tackling Homelessness, Housing Growth and LGR



FREE for APSE Southern Region members

Thursday 22 October 2026

**Southampton City Council Chambers, Civic Centre Road,
Southampton, SO14 7LY.**

Programme

09.30: Registration and Coffee

10.00: Session One

Welcome from the Chair

Delivering Resilient Housing Services.

- How Southampton City Council is preparing housing services for Local Government Reorganisation.
- Delivering high-quality resident services while responding to rising housing demand and homelessness.
- Developing partnerships to increase affordable housing and make better use of existing housing stock.
- Lessons learned in leading service transformation while maintaining a strong focus on residents and communities.

Speaker: Jamie Brenchley, Director of Housing Resident Services, Southampton City Council

Portsmouth City Council's approach to early intervention and homelessness prevention.

- Reducing reliance on temporary accommodation through partnership working and innovative support services.
- Lessons learned from tackling rising housing need and supporting vulnerable households in a challenging financial environment.
- Practical advice for councils looking to strengthen homelessness prevention services and improve outcomes for residents.

Speaker: Cllr Darren Sanders Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Homelessness, Portsmouth City Council

How Havant Borough Council is responding to increasing housing demand and supporting residents facing homelessness.

- The council's approach to homelessness prevention, early intervention and partnership working.
- Delivering effective housing services in a challenging financial and policy environment.
- Lessons learned and practical approaches that can help councils strengthen housing support and improve outcomes for local communities.

Speaker: Cllr Amy Redsull, Cabinet Lead for Housing, Havant Borough Council

Audience question and answer session

11:15: Virtual coffee break

11:30: Session Two

Working Across Boundaries to Tackle Homelessness.

- How Test Valley Borough Council works with housing associations, health partners, neighbouring authorities and the voluntary sector to prevent homelessness and support vulnerable residents.
- Delivering early intervention and homelessness prevention services that reduce the need for temporary accommodation and improve long-term outcomes.
- Building resilient housing services that respond to increasing demand while maintaining a customer-focused approach.
- Lessons learned from partnership working and practical examples that other local authorities can apply within their own homelessness services.

Speaker: Samantha Hall, Director of Housing and Environmental Health, Test Valley Borough Council

Building a Single Housing Service Following Local Government Reorganisation.

- Leading the integration of housing services following Local Government Reorganisation.
- Harmonising operational processes, policies and customer services across a new unitary authority.
- Maintaining high-quality frontline housing services while delivering organisational change.
- Lessons learned from service transformation, regulatory success and preparing for future housing challenges.

Speaker: Kelly Deane, Director of Housing and Public Protection, BCP Council

Planning for Growth: Delivering New Homes and Sustainable Communities.

- Eastleigh Borough Council's approach to delivering housing growth through its adopted Local Plan.
- Balancing housing delivery with infrastructure, transport, environmental protection and place-making.
- Working with developers, statutory partners and local communities to deliver sustainable growth.
- Lessons learned that can help other councils plan for future housing demand and Local Government Reorganisation.

Speaker: Cllr Keith House, Leader, Eastleigh Borough Council

Audience question and answer session

12:45: Networking Lunch

13:30: Seminar close

Seminar Objectives & Booking Information

About the Seminar

Join us as we explore how councils in the South of England are responding to rising housing demand, homelessness pressures, financial constraints and Local Government Reorganisation. This in person seminar will provide practical lessons and ideas to help councils strengthen homelessness prevention, maintain effective frontline services, manage organisational change, plan for future housing needs and provide a great networking opportunity.

Hear practical examples covering homelessness prevention, partnership working, housing service transformation and delivering new homes and sustainable communities

Delegate packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance and delegates' documentation.

Attendance rates for this ½ day event will be **free** for apse southern region members

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