



The Local Authority Housing Company National Seminar 2018

Wednesday 17 January 2018

Birmingham Repertory Theatre, Birmingham



Programme

09:00 Registration

10:00 **Opening Plenary: The policy context**

The Policy Context

- Housing need in the UK: APSE & TCPA Research Findings
- Can markets alone deliver new homes?
- The core role of local authorities in delivering new homes for social rent at scale.
- Are local authority housing companies the answer?

Speaker: Paul O'Brien, Chief Executive, APSE

Research findings on Local Authority Housing Companies

- The motivations and significance of Local Authority Housing Companies
- Driving the 'renaissance' of councils building again?
- Can they meet local housing needs and collectively contribute towards solving the affordable housing crisis?

Speaker: Paul Hackett, Director, Smith Institute

11:15 Coffee Break

11:30 **Plenary 2**

Financial models for housing developments

- Forecasting your income
- Calculating costs and returns on development
- Future income streams
- Taking a prudent financial approach

Speaker: Sukvinder Kalsi, Housing and Planning Panel, CIPFA

Ensuring good corporate governance

- What does good corporate governance look like?
- Responsibilities on the Local Housing Company and the Interface with the Parent Council
- Duties on Landlords: Post Grenfell are you aware of your responsibilities and how will you conduct your safety checks?

Speaker: Robert Starr, Director, Regulatory and Compliance Team, Walker Morris LLP

12:30 Lunch

13:15 **Plenary 3: Sustainable Design; Rapid Solutions**

Meeting Passivehaus Standards

- Very high levels of insulation
- Extremely high performance windows with insulated frames
- Airtight building fabric
- 'Thermal bridge free' construction
- A mechanical ventilation system with highly efficient heat recovery
- Accurate design using the Passive House Planning Package

Speaker: Jon Bootland, Chief Executive, The Passivehaus Trust

Category 2 Standards (Life time homes). The design essentials

- The technical specification
- Have standards been weakened?
- Why do they remain important for future sustainable housing?
- Lifetime homes in the context of ageing communities
- Future proofing housing standards to meet emerging needs

Speaker: Christina McGill, Head of Communications, Habinteg

Speed construction: Getting quality homes built quickly!

- Using a system-build process
- Using super-insulated composite materials
- Fast, effective, green and safe?
- From planning stage to construction what are the key points to consider?

Speaker: Gary Littlechild, New Projects Development Manager, Mantle Panel Ltd.

14:15 Coffee break

14:30 **Plenary 4: Case studies**

Ermine Street Housing: A South Cambridgeshire District Council company

- Putting customers at the heart of the business
- Managing a growing stock of homes in Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Northamptonshire
- Managing homes for other landlords

Speaker: Duncan Vessey, Interim Head of Operations, Ermine Street Housing

Birmingham City Council – Municipal Housing Trust

- Building new homes for rent and sale through the Birmingham Municipal Housing Trust
- Rent setting for social housing
- Measuring our construction costs
- Design excellence integrated in our approach
- Building at scale to meet housing need

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

Sheffield Housing Company

- A developer dedicated to building the best homes in Sheffield.
- Homes to buy, shared ownership and affordable rent options
- A partnership approach with a dedicated house builder, property developer and the City Council.

Speaker: John Clephan, Project Director, Sheffield Housing Company

15:30 **Closing discussions**

About the seminar

There is now estimated to be over 150 local authorities who have set up local authority housing companies however it is still an emerging area both in terms of policy and best practice.

This bespoke seminar will consider the core issues for those authorities who have developed their housing company or for those considering setting up a new housing entity. As well as exemplar council case studies this seminar will provide a professional learning environment exploring issues of:-

- Addressing housing need
- Localised developments
- Governance
- Financial planning
- Design standards
- Speed build options
- Energy efficiency

Who should attend?

- All local authority housing professionals
- Housing company managers, officers and business development teams
- Leaders, Executive Members and Cabinet office-holders for housing portfolios alongside scrutiny members
- Commercialisation and transformation teams
- All those with an interest in developing or improving innovative solutions to addressing housing need

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