



# APSE Summer Housing Seminar Series

**Safe Homes and Sustainable Futures:  
Transforming Local Authority Housing Stock**



**Wednesday 1 July 2026**  
Microsoft Teams



# Programme

## 10:00 Session One

### **A Perspective from the Regulator for Social Housing**

- The current national policy landscape
- Key legislative changes and their direct impact on local authorities
- Lessons learned to date and priority areas moving forward

**Claudia Cobban, Assistant Director – Regulatory Engagement, Regulator for Social Housing**

### **The Spatial Distribution of Non Decent Homes – Introducing the Non Decent Index**

- Identifying areas with high concentrations of non decent homes within the Private Rented Sector
- Using the index to strategically allocate resources and enhance enforcement
- How local authorities can use data driven insights to improve housing condition

**Dr. Michael Marshall, Research Associate in Quantitative Analysis and GIS, University of Sheffield**

### **A Right First Time Repairs Service**

- Understanding the North Ayrshire Building Services operating context
- Delivering an effective, right first time repairs model
- Demonstrating improved repairs performance and increased tenant satisfaction

**Andrea Elliott, Senior Manager – Neighbourhood, Housing and Homelessness, North Ayrshire Council**

### **Transition from UNITAS to Stoke-on-Trent City Council's Repairs and Maintenance Service**

- The strategic drivers behind bringing services back in house
- Vision and operational focus of the new, council run service
- Ambitious performance targets and future service priorities

**Paul Parkinson, Director of Housing Management, Stoke on Trent City Council**

*Audience question and answer session*

11:15 **Comfort break**

11.30 **Session Two**

### **Future Funding for Decarbonisation**

- Current grants, programmes, and financial support to decarbonise social housing
- Benefits for delivering net zero ambitions and improving tenant wellbeing
- Forward look: What's next for decarbonisation funding?

**Selvin Brown, Director for Net Zero Buildings – Domestic, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero**

### **The Real Green Jobs Accelerator Scheme**

- Tackling the green skills shortage while reducing unemployment
- Blending classroom based learning with practical, hands on training
- Delivering sector wide and community-focused benefits

**Simeon Perry, Head of ESG, Efficiency North**

### **Getting Heat Network Ready**

- Capturing and distributing waste heat efficiently
- Enhancing energy efficiency and alleviating fuel poverty
- How new policies shape the future of heat networks

**Martin Hayman, LHEES Officer, East Lothian Council**

### **£15m Retrofit Programme for Cleaner, Healthier, Energy Efficient Homes**

- A leading council's vision, shaped by Climate Emergency UK's Climate Action Scorecards
- Key retrofit interventions delivering transformative environmental outcomes
- How the programme is improving comfort, health, and energy costs for tenant

**Steph Salmon, Energy and Retrofit Manager, Cambridge City Council**

*Audience question and answer session*

13.00 **Seminar Close**

# Seminar Objectives

## About the Seminar

As part of APSE's summer housing seminar series, this third session focuses on the evolving landscape of social housing. Recent shifts in government policy have intensified the spotlight on housing safety, quality, and the tenant voice. This seminar unites leading experts to explore the implications of legislative change and showcase how local authorities are transforming their housing stock to meet the highest standards.

## Who should attend?

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

## Via Microsoft Teams



## Booking information

### What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation.

APSE member delegate fee: £99+ VAT

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Book to attend the 3 seminars for £198 + VAT\*

*\*Must be the same delegate booked onto the 3 seminars*

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