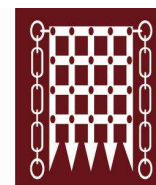


Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for social housing policy in England - supply, standards and priorities for policy

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 24th April 2018

Venue: Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Porter of Spalding, Chair, Local Government Association and Leader, South Holland District Council
- 9.05 - 9.20 **Progress and current trends in social housing**
Professor Janice Morphet, Visiting Professor, The Bartlett School of Planning, University College London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.20 - 10.15 **Addressing challenges for building social housing: planning, meeting demand and financing projects**
With the Government increasing the Housing Infrastructure Fund, establishing a Land Assembly Fund and planning to publish a Green Paper on social housing in the spring, what more should be done to increase the availability of social homes? How can the Government and local authorities best coordinate to set and achieve targets on meeting objectively assessed need under the National Planning Policy Framework, and will proposed reforms to reduce land-banking ensure more land is available for housing? What impact has the Home Building Fund had on increasing access to funding for SME house builders, and with the European Investment Bank freezing investment on new social housing in the UK, what further options exist for the financing of housing? To what extent will lifting the housing revenue account borrowing cap in areas of high affordability pressure allow local authorities to build more homes?
Phillip Russell, Director, One Oak Development
Carol Matthews, Partner, Wright Hassall
David Cassidy, Head of Social Housing, Barclays
Harry Mears, Head of Social Housing, KPMG
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.45 **Case study - implementing the London Housing Strategy**
Jamie Ratcliff, Assistant Director - Housing, Greater London Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Porter of Spalding, Chair, Local Government Association and Leader, South Holland District Council
- 10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe, Chair, National Housing Federation
- 11.25 - 11.50 **The role of social housing in supporting local economies**
Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Greater Manchester Combined Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 - 12.00 **Key issues for housing associations - reclassification, allocation of funds and the impact of welfare reform**
Bronwen Rapley, Chief Executive, Onward Homes
- 12.00 - 12.55 **Next steps for standards, safety and improving stakeholder engagement**
In light of the Grenfell Tower inquiry - which will examine the adequacy of building and fire regulations, and the local authority's response to complaints about fire risk, and findings from the Dame Judith Hackitt interim report that high-rise building regulations are 'not fit for purpose' - what more should be done to ensure that social housing is safe? With National Audit Office statistics reporting that 14% of social homes are not up to the required standard, how can social housing providers guarantee suitable living conditions? What are the next steps for improving engagement between tenants and social landlords?
Heather Spurr, Policy Officer, Shelter
Brian Robinson, President, Fire Safety Federation
Sophie Barnes, Deputy News Editor, *Inside Housing*
Councillor Paul Harvey, Member, Economic, Planning and Housing Committee, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Questions and comments from the floor with **Bronwen Rapley**, Chief Executive, Onward Homes
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe, Chair, National Housing Federation
Sam Dolton, Senior Producer, Westminster Social Policy Forum