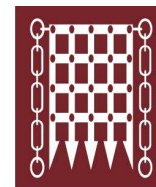


Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for social housing policy in England

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 24th April 2018

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 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 **Challenges and opportunities for building social housing: planning, meeting needs and financing projects**
Following the announcement that the Government will publish a green paper on social housing, what more should be done to increase the availability of social housing, and how can it contribute to the Industrial Strategy to boost the economy? With changes to the National Planning Policy Framework currently being proposed, how can the Government and local authorities best coordinate to set and achieve targets on meeting objectively assessed need? 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?
Phillip Russell, Director, One Oak Development
Senior representative, planning
Senior representative, consultancy
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, finance
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10:35 **Case study - implementing the London Housing Strategy**
Jamie Ratcliff, Assistant Director - Housing, Greater London Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 - 11.35 **Priorities for social housing regulation**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 11.45 **Key issues for housing associations - supply, allocation of funds and the impact of welfare reform**
Senior representative, housing association
- 11.45 - 12.30 **Next steps for standards, safety and improving 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 - 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?
Kate Webb, Head of Policy and Research, Shelter
Senior representative, fire safety
Senior representative, local authority
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor with senior representative, housing association
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The future for social housing policy**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sam Dolton, Senior Producer, Westminster Social Policy Forum