

All You Want to Know About Housing Association Finance 2017

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Housing Associations face significant financial challenges because of which it is now more important than ever that everyone involved in the governance, management and operations of housing associations has a working knowledge of housing association finance.

These seminars provide a solid grounding in the basics of housing association finance including:

- The financial environment in which housing associations work
- Regulatory requirements including Viability and Value for Money
- Income & Expenditure Accounts, Balance Sheets and Cash Flows
- How Development and other Capital Expenditure is financed
- Budgeting, Budgetary Control and Risk Management
- Asset Management and Treasury Management
- Developments in government policy including 'right to buy', rent reductions, pay to stay and welfare reform
- The implications of the Housing & Planning Act 2016 – including low cost home-ownership
- The future funding of Supported and Sheltered housing and community investment

Housing associations are being innovative in their response with many developing new sources of income including increased service charges and having ambitious new build and regeneration schemes.



Wornington Green in Kensington.
A recent development of social and market housing by Catalyst Housing Association.

Do you think that a working knowledge of housing association finance gained at our interactive seminar would put you in a position of advantage? If so, whether you are a Housing Manager, Board Member, Tenant Representative or even a member of the Finance Team; whether you are in a housing association or in a council that has partnerships with housing associations you should attend one of our seminars.

Delegates will gain an overview of the finances of housing associations and will keep up to date with developments. There will be opportunities for networking. The session is also accompanied by a very useful book that is designed for reference after the session entitled: **“All You Want to Know about Housing Association Finance 2017”**

Venues and Dates

- **London:** Novotel Hotel, Waterloo – Wednesday 24th May 2017
- **North:** Novotel Hotel, Leeds – Tuesday 24th October 2017

The Programme

10.00 How do the finances of Housing Associations work?

Economic and Political Context; the Housing Market; Demographic Change; Autumn Statement 2016; Housing White Paper 2017; Government Funding; Other Sources of Finance; Financial Growth; the implications of Brexit for Housing Associations; Regulation and Governance; Viability and Value for Money Standards; Income and Expenditure Accounts; Global Accounts; Trends in Income and Expenditure; Cash Flow Statements; Balance Sheets; Taxation; Pensions.

11.00 BREAK

11.15 What is happening to Housing Association Income?

Rent Influencing regime; Social, Affordable and Market Rents; Shared-ownership; Rent reductions of 1% from 2016/17 to 2019/20; Near-market rents for high income tenants (pay to stay); Service Charges; Housing Support and Supporting People Grant; Housing Benefits; Welfare Reform including the Welfare Reform & Work Act, capping of housing benefit at the local housing allowance rate and Universal Credit; the Future Funding of Supported and Sheltered Housing and community investment.

12.30 LUNCH

13.30 How do Housing Associations fund new development and regeneration?

Capital Expenditure; Component Accounting; Decent Homes Standard; Development of New Homes; Sources of Capital Finance; Capital Contributions; Use of Reserves; Capital Receipts; Affordable Housing Programme 2016 to 2021; Private Loans; Borrowing strategies and Treasury Management – including 'gearing'; Diversification of Borrowing - including bonds; Regeneration schemes and how they are financed; The 'voluntary' Right to Buy scheme; Development of Affordable and Market housing; the Implications of the Housing & Planning Act including low-cost home-ownership.

14.45 BREAK

15.00 How are the finances of Housing Associations managed?

Setting Budgets; Budgetary Control and Monitoring; the role of Boards, Managers and Accountants; Financial Structures; Business and Financial Planning; Internal and External Audit; Financial forecasts; Value for Money; Procurement; Asset Management; Risk Management; Performance Management; Place shaping; Housing Association Mergers; What residents need to know about finance.

16.00 CLOSE

This seminar is also available in-house. For further information about in-house courses, please contact Adrian Waite on 017683-51498 or adrian.waite@awics.co.uk.

Please note that there are free briefing papers on housing association finance posted on the 'AWICS' website at: <http://awics.co.uk/HAFinance>



Adrian Waite (Independent Consultancy Services) Limited

Our speaker **Adrian Waite is well known for his in-depth knowledge of this subject and for his ability to present information clearly.**

Adrian Waite is Managing Director of 'Adrian Waite (Independent Consultancy Services) Limited'.

Adrian is known for his expert knowledge of financial and management issues that affect housing associations and his ability to explain complex matters in a clear and understandable manner. He provides training and consultancy on all aspects of the finance and management of housing associations. He is a former Chair of the Board of Impact Housing Association; a former member of the Board of Calico Housing Association; and a former member of the National Council and Housing Panel of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy. He has experience in training, management consultancy, housing inspection and independent tenants' and residents' advice.

Adrian has worked with housing associations, central government, local authorities and professional bodies in England, Scotland, Wales and South Africa on a variety of financial and strategic issues that affect social and affordable housing. His recent work includes: Preparing Business Plans; Preparing Business and Financial cases for Mergers; Value for Money reviews; Advice on the implications of collapsing a group structure; Advice on service charges including service charge reviews, de-pooling, and for intensive housing management; Independent Residents' Advice during a partial stock transfer; and advising local authorities on providing support to housing associations in development including extra care elderly schemes. He has provided training to the Homes & Communities Agency and to Board members and officers of many Housing Associations – most recently on service charges, right to buy and rent reductions; and has spoken at conferences of the National Housing Federation and Chartered Institute of Housing.

As Chair of Impact Housing Association, Adrian steered the Association through a period of significant change. This involved developing an approach based on a customer focus and value for money. Specific achievements include winning an increased number of Housing Support contracts, increasing the size of the development programme by developing models to deliver new build without grant and increasing resident involvement.

Adrian is a full member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy, an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Housing and an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Leadership & Management.

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How to reserve your place

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- **On line:** You can download this form from <http://awics.co.uk/all-you-want-to-know-about-housing-association-finance-2017-seminar> fill it in electronically and forward to: orders@awics.co.uk
- **By post:** Complete this form and send it to: AWICS Ltd, PO Box 17, Appleby in Westmorland, Cumbria. CA16 6YL.

Delegate fees:

The cost of this seminar in London is £250 plus VAT making a total of £300. The cost of this seminar in Leeds is £195 plus VAT making a total of £234. The fee includes lunch* and book – 'All You Want to Know about Housing Association Finance 2017'. Payment can be made online by PayPal, credit or debit card. Alternatively, we can send an invoice.

* Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements

Delegate Name **Position and Department**

To enrol additional delegates, please photocopy this form.

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