

All You Want to Know about Scottish Local Authority Housing Finance 2019

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Social housing is becoming increasingly important in Scotland at a time of rising demand for affordable housing. The Scottish Parliament has passed the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014, reformed the Scottish Housing Regulator, ended the 'Right to Buy' and is promoting and funding an ambitious development programme. The Scottish Housing Regulator's new approach emphasises 'Value for Money'. The United Kingdom government is 'reforming' welfare with significant implications for Scottish tenants and landlords, but some welfare powers have now been devolved to Scotland.

Scottish local authorities therefore face significant challenges, not least the need to meet the Scottish Government's aspirations for development.



New Council Houses in North Lanarkshire

This seminar is a useful introduction and overview of this important subject. Whether you are in a Local Authority or another organisation with an interest in Scottish housing; whether you are a Housing Manager, Tenant Representative, Councillor or even a member of the Housing Finance Team, you will need some knowledge of local authority housing finance.

The session will answer the following questions:

- What financial environment are Scottish local authority housing services working in?
- How do the housing finances of Scottish local authorities work?
- How is the development of new council housing funded?
- What are the financial opportunities available to local authority housing services?

Many people have already attended and benefited from this seminar. The last session was well received with delegates saying that the information provided was very relevant, the quality of the presentation was excellent, and the training met their needs fully. They described the session as interesting, useful and thorough.

The session is accompanied by a very useful book that is designed for reference after the session entitled:

'All You Want to Know about Scottish Local Authority Housing Finance 2019'

Venue and Date:

- **Edinburgh:** Novotel Central Hotel – Tuesday 17th September 2019

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The Programme

- 10.00 **What financial environment are Scottish local authority housing services working in?**
- Political, Economic, Social & Technological Context; Housing (Scotland) Acts 2010 and 2014; Housing Beyond 2021; Scottish Government Housing Budgets; Trends in Scottish Local Authority Housing Finance; Strategic Housing responsibilities of local authorities; Housing Revenue Account; FRS102 and Component Accounting; Role & expectations of the Scottish Government & Scottish Housing Regulator; Cash Flow.
- 11.15 BREAK
- 11.30 **How do the housing finances of Scottish local authorities work?**
- Rent policies, plans & trends; Bad Debts & Arrears; Service Charges; Management & Maintenance costs; Remuneration & Pensions; Major Repairs; Capital Financing costs; Supporting People; Housing Benefit & Universal Credit; United Kingdom Government's Welfare 'Reforms'; Devolution of welfare to Scotland; the Economic Impact of Social Housing.
- 12.30 LUNCH
- 13.30 **How is the development of new council housing funded?**
- Capital Programmes; Scottish Housing Quality Standard; Development & New Build; Local Authority Standard Delivery Plans & Prudential Borrowing; Capital Receipts; the end of 'Right to Buy'; Affordable Housing Supply Programme; Council House Building Fund; Housing Infrastructure Fund; Rural and Islands Housing Fund; Building Scotland Fund; Treasury Management; Borrowing Strategies; Regeneration; Stock Transfer.
- 14.45 BREAK
- 15.00 **What are the financial opportunities available to local authority housing services?**
- Devolution; Opportunities & Threats; Links between Housing, Health and Economic Development; Business & Financial Planning; Development in the current economic climate; Value for Money; Performance Management; Risk Management, Sensitivity Analysis and Stress Testing; Asset Management; Performance Management.
- 16.00 CLOSE

The session 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.



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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'. He is known for his expert knowledge of financial and management issues that affect Scottish local authority housing services 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 social housing. 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 (CIPFA).

Adrian's recent work has included: Housing Inspection for the Scottish Housing Regulator; Providing Training for the Scottish Government and Local Authorities on housing finance and welfare reform; preparing housing business plans and financial 'health checks' of housing revenue accounts; advising on risk management and asset management; developing procurement and value for money strategies; evaluating efficiency gains; carrying out value for money reviews; developing financial modelling and advising on 'new build'; reviewing and introducing new leaseholder and tenant service charges; carrying out and evaluating housing stock options appraisals; acting as lead associate consultant in a Local Government Association peer review; preparing expert witness reports for judicial reviews and acting as an Associate Housing Inspector and Independent Tenants' and Residents' Advisor. He is therefore well placed to explain Scottish housing association finance as it is seen in Central Government, the Regulator, Local Government, Housing Associations and among Tenants.

After graduating from Oxford University with a First-Class Honours degree, Adrian joined West Yorkshire County Council as a Trainee Accountant. Appointments at Leeds City Council and Newcastle on Tyne City Council followed. In 1990, he was appointed Assistant County Treasurer at Staffordshire County Council. As Finance Director, and then Strategic Director, at Copeland Borough Council between 1993 and 1998 he became conversant with every aspect of the finance and strategic management of housing. He left Copeland Council in 1998 to work as an Independent Consultant. Since then he has worked with central government, local authorities, housing associations, tenants' associations, universities, professional bodies and others in Scotland, England, Wales and South Africa on a variety of financial and strategic issues that affect housing. From 1999 to 2000 he was an interim management accountant at East Dunbartonshire Council.

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- By post: Complete this form and send it to: AWICS' Limited, Post Office Box 17, Appleby in Westmorland, Cumbria. CA16 6YL.

Do not send any payment: We will confirm your booking and send an invoice.

Delegate fees:

The cost of this seminar is £210 plus VAT making a total of £252. **However, there is a £20 discount for people who book a month or more in advance** making the cost £190 plus VAT making a total of £228. The fee includes lunch* and book – 'All you Want to Know about Scottish Local Authority Housing Finance 2019'

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

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