

Developments in Local Authority Housing Finance in England 2017

June / July 2017

We are holding seminars on 'Developments in Local Authority Housing Finance in England' during June and July 2017. This seminar will look in depth at current developments in local authority housing finance in England – especially the implications of the outcome of the 2017 General Election for local authority housing, the Autumn Statement of 2016 and the Budget of 2017, whether the Housing & Planning Act 2016 will be implemented in full, the future funding of supported housing, the vote for Britain to leave the European Union, the affordable housing programme, the public finances, welfare reform, rent reductions, issues around the reinvigorated 'right to buy', sale of high value properties to fund the extension of 'right to buy' to housing associations and new development.

If you want to be up to date with the world of local authority housing finance, this is the seminar for you!



New Council Flats in Boleyn Road, Islington, London.

The seminar will address the following questions:

- What is the Political, Economic, Social and Technical Context?
- What will be the implications for local authority housing finance of the new government's policies on housing and welfare?
- How, and to what extent, will the Housing & Planning Act be implemented?
- How can councils develop effective self-financed business plans?

Who should attend?

All those with an interest in developments in local authority housing finance in England, including Managers in Local Authorities and Arm's Length Management Organisations, Elected Members, ALMO Board Members, Housing Accountants and Tenant Representatives. The session will assume a basic knowledge of local authority housing finance but will not assume that delegates are experts.

The session is accompanied by a very useful book entitled:
"Developments in Local Authority Housing Finance in England 2017"

Venues and Dates:

London: Novotel Hotel, Waterloo – Wednesday 14th June 2017

North: Novotel Hotel, Leeds – Wednesday 5th July 2017

The Programme

- 10.00 What is the political, economic, social and technical context? - The political agenda of the new United Kingdom government in the light of the general election and the vote for Britain to leave the European Union; the Housing White Paper; implementation of the Housing & Planning Act; the economic context and its implications for public finances; Autumn Statement 2016 and Budget 2017; long-term economic forecasts and their implications for local authority housing; changing demand for social housing; demographic change.
- 11.00 BREAK
- 11.15 What will be the implications for local authority housing finance of the new government's policies on housing & welfare? - rent policy including what rent policy is likely to be after 2019/20; the implications of selling high value properties to pay for 'right to buy' in housing associations; the implications of universal credit including the eligibility of rent and service charges for benefit; the implications of capping housing benefit at the level of the local housing allowance; future changes in the funding of sheltered housing; the affordable housing programme; whether there will be any further changes to government policy including the self-financing settlement.
- 12.30 LUNCH
- 13.30 How, and to what extent, will the Housing & Planning Act be implemented? While the Housing & Planning Act has been passed, it will be implemented through regulations that were expected to be published during 2017. These regulations for the sale of high value council homes, 'starter homes', planning reforms including neighbourhood planning and other aspects of the Act that will affect local authorities will be explained and examined. This will include examining how the government will calculate the payments that will be due to the government and potential strategies for the sale of high value homes.
- 14.45 BREAK
- 15.00 How can councils develop effective self-financed business plans and invest in existing and new housing including regeneration? – treasury management issues; accounting for valuation, depreciation and impairment; management of the reinvigorated 'right to buy' including 1-4-1 receipts; income maximisation; service charges; the ring-fence; risk management; asset management; developing sustainable investment programmes; new build and regeneration; developing extra care elderly schemes; developing outside the housing revenue account & special purpose vehicles.
- 16.00 CLOSE

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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'. He is a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), an Associate member of the Chartered Institute of Housing and a Fellow of the Institute of Leadership & Management.

Adrian is a former member of the CIPFA National Council and the Housing Panel. He was a member of the working party on funding mechanisms that was part of the Communities & Local Government and Treasury review of the financing of the Housing Revenue Account. He is also a former Chair of Impact Housing Association.

Adrian's recent work has included evaluating the impact of self-financing; 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 local authority housing finance as it is seen in central and local government and its impact on tenants.

After graduating from Oxford University with a First-Class Honours degree, Adrian joined West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council as a Trainee Accountant. Appointments at Leeds City Council and Newcastle on Tyne City Council gave Adrian experience of the finance of every local government service. 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 England, Scotland, Wales and South Africa on a variety of financial and strategic issues that affect housing.

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- **By post:** Complete this form and send it to: AWICS Ltd, PO Box 17, Appleby in Westmorland, Cumbria. CA16 6YL.

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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 – ‘Developments in Local Authority Housing Finance in England 2017’.

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

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