

Future Funding of Supported Housing

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The Government is planning to change the way in which Supported Housing is funded with housing benefit and universal credit supporting only core housing costs and housing support services being funded separately. At present, tenants are eligible to claim housing benefit, but eligibility is to be capped at local housing allowance rates from 2019 and the same approach is to be taken with Universal Credit. At the same time, new locally administered schemes will be introduced to 'top-up' the funding that is required to fund housing support. The Government states that it is committed to protecting and boosting the supply of supported housing and ensuring it provides value for money and works for those who use it as well as those who pay for it. The government announced its plans in September 2016 and issued a consultation paper in November 2016. A Green Paper will be issued in the Spring of 2017.

This seminar will explain and examine the government's proposals and their implications for local authorities, housing associations and their tenants. This will include local authorities in their commissioning and provider roles. It is designed for people who are not experts in housing finance, but who understand the basics. It is suitable for councillors, board members, housing managers, tenant representatives, finance staff and others with an interest in the future funding of supported housing.



Tandle View Court, Royton, an Extra Care Elderly Scheme provided by Oldham Council.

The session will consider the following questions:

- What is the Government trying to achieve?
- What will be the eligibility for Housing Benefit and Universal Credit in Supported Housing?
- How will the locally administered budgets for Housing Support work?
- What are the implications for the development of new Supported Housing schemes?
- What are the Financial Opportunities and Threats for Supported Housing in Local Authorities and Housing Associations?

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

“The Future Funding of Supported Housing”

Venues and Dates:

London: Novotel Hotel, Waterloo – 4th April 2017.

North: Novotel Hotel, Leeds – 3rd May 2017.

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The Programme

- 10.00 What is the Government trying to achieve?
The Announcement of September 2016; the Consultation Paper of November 2016; Supporting People to Live Independently; The Case for Change; A New Framework for Future Supported Costs; The Supported Accommodation Evidence Review; Responses to the consultation; the Green Paper of Spring 2017.
- 10.45 What will be the eligibility for Housing Benefit and Universal Credit in Supported Housing?
Capping Housing Benefit at Local Housing Allowance rates from 2019; Treatment of Housing and Housing Support costs in Universal Credit; the shared accommodation & single room rates; arrangements for co-operatives, almshouses and community land trusts; funding for short-term transitional services including hostels and refuges.
- 11.15 BREAK
- 11.30 How will the locally administered budgets for Housing Support work?
How much funding will be provided; How will funds be allocated between local authorities; the role of the Greater London Authority; How the ring-fence will work and how long it will last; Whether local authorities will be able to top-up the funding from their own resources; funding of administration costs; How to ensure fair access to funding for all groups; Lessons to be learned from Supporting People.
- 12.45 LUNCH
- 13.45 What are the implications for the development of new Supported Housing schemes?
The impact on development of new Supported Housing schemes already; The government's new long-term funding model; How the Government will ensure that top-up funding continues to be spent on developing / providing supported housing; Revenues that can be anticipated for new schemes; Sources of capital financing for new schemes.
- 14.45 BREAK
- 15.00 What are the Financial Opportunities and Threats for Supported Housing in Local Authorities and Housing Associations?
How local authorities will approach commissioning across housing, health & social care; How local authorities will secure transparency and value for money from providers; Planning, Commissioning & partnership arrangements; Balancing local flexibility and provider certainty; Options to reform the regulation of supported housing and how to ensure that this is both effective and proportionate.
- 16.00 CLOSE

This seminar is also available in-house where it can be tailored to the client's specific requirements. 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 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 a former Chair of Impact Housing Association.

His recent work has included: preparing housing business plans and financial 'health checks' for local authorities and housing associations; reviewing and introducing new leaseholder and tenant service charges; preparing business cases and business plans for housing association mergers; advising on risk management and asset management; developing procurement and value for money strategies; carrying out value for money reviews; developing financial modelling and advising on 'new build'; 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.

Adrian is therefore well-placed to explain the funding of supported housing from the point of view of local authorities as commissioners and providers and of housing associations.

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 him 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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- **On line:** You can down load this form from <http://www.awics.co.uk/supptdhsg.asp> fill it in electronically and forward it to: orders@awics.co.uk
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Payment: It is possible to pay online at the time of booking. In the case of customers with an existing account, public bodies and housing associations we are happy to confirm your booking and send an invoice.

Delegate fees: The cost of the London session is £250 plus VAT making a total of £300. The cost of the Leeds session is £195 plus VAT making a total of £234. The fee includes lunch* and book – ‘Future Funding of Supported Housing’.

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

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