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London, South East and East of England
Finance Conference

Tuesday 9 July 2013, Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre, London



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Research and Futures
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Matthew Bailes
Executive Director of
Regulation, HCA (invited)

Conference Overview

Housing associations are experiencing a rapidly shifting financial environment with more change to come. From welfare reform to tax policy, the sector will have to adapt quickly in order to negotiate the opportunities and pitfalls of this new landscape.

Join us at the Finance Conference to learn more about innovations in housing finance and what the future might hold. You will have the chance to hear from and question key policy makers, meet stakeholders and consider the changing landscape.

Benefits of attending

- Hear from key speakers in the field
- Find out more about emerging practices
- Forge new networking partnerships of your own
- Gain practical ideas for your organisation
- CPD certification

Who should attend

Housing associations, third sector organisations and local authority staff who work in any of the following roles:

- Accountants
- Audit Managers
- Board Members
- Business Analysts
- Chief Executives
- Finance Directors
- Finance Managers
- Heads of Finance
- Heads of Treasury
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- Treasury Managers

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09:30 Registration and refreshments

10:00 Welcome and introduction

Speaker: **Kevin Williamson**, Assistant Director, National Housing Federation

10:10 Plenary one: Spending review 2013 - what it means for your organisation

The Chancellor is due to announce a 10 year rent settlement on 26 June 2013 at the 2013 Spending Review. Will RPI plus 0.5% be retained? Will the Government give housing associations the freedom to set their own rents? The level of grant available for a one year spending round (for the financial year 2015/16) and other spending decisions, for example on welfare, will also be announced. This session will assess:

- the decisions made by the Government
- the impact for your organisation, the sector more widely and the delivery of affordable homes
- the potential impact on the resilience of your business.

Chair: **Kevin Williamson**, Assistant Director, National Housing Federation

Speakers: **Stuart Ropke**, Assistant Director of Research and Futures, National Housing Federation
Graham Duncan, Deputy Director, Affordable Housing Regulation and Investment, Department for Communities and Local Government

10:50 Plenary two: Welfare resilience

As the major welfare changes bed in, are housing association impact assessments being proved right? What's the best way to predict and mitigate risk and protect income streams? Hear from Family Mosaic about their experience of the Direct Payments Pilot and from Home Group about their work to predict and respond to welfare reform impacts.

Chair: **Kevin Williamson**, Assistant Director, National Housing Federation

Speakers: **Donna Shepherd**, Head of Customer Services, London, Home Group
James Walder, Head of Finance (Customer Services), Home Group
Vivian Davies, Director of Collections and Credit Control, Family Mosaic

11:35 Refreshments and networking

12:05 Breakout workshops

Breakout one: IFRS and accountancy changes

The changes to the accounting standard could mean major changes to your business. This session will look at what is being implemented and how to plan a response.

Chair: **Julie Layton**, Director, Finance and ICT, Advance Housing and Support

Speakers: **Guy Flynn**, Senior Manager, PwC

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Breakout two: Pensions - the future

Pensions arrangements are becoming an increasing concern for many associations. Whether you are using the Social Housing or Local Government pension schemes, this session will help you prepare for the challenges ahead.

Chair: **Chris Wyer**, Director of Finance and Resources, Orwell Housing Association

Speakers: **James Forrest**, Principal Consultant and Actuary, KPMG (invited)

Breakout three: Capital funding and investor relationships

Housing associations have increased their use of capital markets. What opportunities exist for bond funding and how will investors respond to changing risk patterns? Canaccord Genuity will summarise the potential for funding streams and review investor expectations. Moody's will provide information about how ratings agencies are assessing the future for the sector. This session is relevant for associations who already have a rating and those who are considering it.

Speakers: **Henrietta Podd**, Head of Debt Capital Markets, Canaccord Genuity

Elizabeth Bergman, Analyst, Moody's Investors Services

13:00 Networking lunch

14:00 Plenary three: Protecting the assets

The Homes and Communities Agency is consulting on new standards which will clarify housing associations' responsibilities to safeguard social housing assets from broader operating risks, and set up 'living wills' for larger providers. Hear from the HCA about lessons learned from recent regulatory interventions and how future risks will be managed.

Chair: **Kevin Williamson**, Assistant Director, National Housing Federation

Speakers: **Matthew Bailes**, Executive Director of Regulation, Homes and Communities Agency (invited)

14:45 Refreshments and networking

15:00 Panel discussion: Collaborating to unlock development capacity

Development models are changing and there are new ways for housing associations of all sizes to fund and develop new homes. Hear from our panel about what is working for them and how successful partnerships are put together.

Chair: **Catherine Ryder**, Investment Leader, National Housing Federation

Panellists: **Waqar Ahmed**, Group Finance Director, L&Q

Brian Horton, Strategic Housing Advisor, Kent County Council

Stuart Ropke, Assistant Director of Research and Futures, National Housing Federation

Dennis Seal, Director - Kier Residential Investment, Kier Property

Mike Wilkins, Chief Executive, Ducane Housing Association (G320)

16:10 Conference close

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London Development Conference

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