

Conference WORK IN PROGRESS

Tuesday 19 June

Keynotes

Opening Address

CIH opens Harrogate 07 by offering a vision for the future of our sector.

PAUL DIGGORY Vice President, Chartered Institute of Housing

The Big Picture Issues – making them local

The opening scene setting session seeks to make some sense of the myriad of big picture socio-economic changes that face us all.

PROFESSOR GERMAINE GREER Academic and Broadcaster

Building Communities: the Government's policy framework

RT HON RUTH KELLY MP Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

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A more flexible planning system?

The planning system has been reformed but is it yet transparent, responsive and flexible enough to deliver housing growth and renewal?

RICHARD MCCARTHY Director General, Programmes, Policy and Innovation, DCLG

KATE BARKER Economist and Government Independent Reviewer of Land Use Planning

JOHN SLAUGHTER Director of External Affairs, HBF

Creating Financial Inclusion

Housing organisations are 'trusted intermediaries' in the battle to promote financial inclusion.

But, given the scale of the problem, are we doing enough?

JOHN TINER Chief Executive, Financial Services Authority
DAVID COWANS Group Chief Executive, Places for People

Developing Housing Choices: Promoting Low Cost Home Ownership

90% aspire to own, but are we doing too much or not enough to encourage people into low cost home ownership?

ANDY CATON Corporate Development Director, Yorkshire Building Society

ANU VEDI Group Chief Executive, Genesis Housing Group

CRAIG SANDERSON Chief Executive, Link HA

Policy into Practice Forum

Housing Corporation Gold Awards Dissemination

Showcasing environmental sustainability and community empowerment. This interactive forum provides an opportunity to learn the best from the winners.

Seminar

Respectful Communities: myth or reality?

The respect standard is over a year old – is it making a difference on the ground?

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Providing and Funding Public Services

Gershon, Lyons and the CSRO7 all provide a backdrop for respected academic, Tony Travers and the Audit Commission's new Chair Michael O'Higgins to discuss the future of public services.

TONY TRAVERS London School of Economics

MICHAEL O'HIGGINS Chairman, Audit Commission

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Building Community Cohesion – what works?

Celebrating diversity and minimising tension are the key elements to building community cohesion.

Assessing the practical approaches being considered by the Commission on Integration and Cohesion will be the focus of this session.

STEVE DOUGLAS Deputy Chief Executive, Housing Corporation and Member of the Commission

Social housing – fit for purpose?

John Hills looked at social housing from first principles and asked some very searching questions. Is his vision right for our sector?

JOHN HILLS Professor of Social Policy and Director of ESRC Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, LSE

Panel includes

KATE DAVIES Chief Executive, Notting Hill Housing Group

ADAM SAMPSON Chief Executive, Shelter

Social Inclusion: Promoting Positive Futures

The Government has given new commitments to fighting poverty and social exclusion. Housing providers must now consider what their role is in tackling the growing issues of excluded families.

JULIA UNWIN Director, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

MARTIN NAREY Chief Executive, Barnardos

Building Strong & Prosperous Communities

This session will examine how Local Authorities, ALMOs and Housing Associations can operate as strategic partners to deliver effective communities.

PAUL COEN Chief Executive, Local Government Association

JON ROUSE Chief Executive, Housing Corporation

The Role of Creative Industries in Building Sustainable Communities

New media and good design are playing an increasingly important role in people's quality of life but how can housing providers engage with these creative industries?



PROF. GERMAINE GREER



KATE BARKER



MICHAEL O'HIGGINS



JOHN HILLS



JON ROUSE

Policy into Practice Forum

Delivering on the growth strategy

Delivering on the growth targets is one of our greatest challenges. This interactive forum will bring together providers, developers and other agencies to find a way through the barriers to delivery.

This session will be opened up to a wider audience – pre-booking will be required – See Registration Form.

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Social Enterprise or Social Landlord?

Housing organisations are well placed to adopt a wider social enterprise role but what does this mean and can organisations deliver on this and stay the right side of efficiency targets?

The competency of partnership working

It's easy to talk about partnerships – much harder to make one really work. What skills and competencies underpin the most successful partnerships and how can you build them up in your organisation?

Lessons from the Beacons – Delivering Safe, Sustainable, Prosperous Communities

Beacon authorities have tapped into the drive for building sustainable communities through the planning process. They have fostered the development of genuinely sustainable communities that embody the principles of sustainable development. Preventing and tackling anti-social behaviour is also fundamental to creating safe, sustainable and prosperous communities. This seminar will share their experience.

CHAIRER BY MARIANNE HOOD Chair of DCLG Beacon Scheme

Whose assets are they anyway?

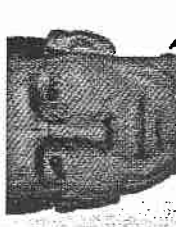
John Hills estimated that the combined value of the social housing in England is £400bn. Whose assets are these and how can we make best use of them?



MARGARET FORD



DEBORAH SEARLE MBE



DAVID BEHAN



DICK STRAWBRIDGE MBE

Procurement

As the Gershon requirements bite and efficiency expectations escalate, creative procurement solutions become all the more important. This session will examine the solutions that work and how they can be rolled out.

Investing in Environmental Sustainability

A practical examination of how housing providers and the construction industry can work together to change behaviour and deliver environmental sustainability within existing homes and neighbourhoods.

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Building Communities: a Conservative vision for the future

Climate Change: a challenge for all

With the climate change agenda high on everyone's list, the challenge is how it can be delivered by individuals, communities and nations.

DICK STRAWBRIDGE MBE Environmental Engineering Expert
STEVIE SPRING Chairman, Groundwork UK

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Communities England

A new single agency for housing and regeneration – the way forward or an exercise in re-arranging the deck chairs?

MARGARET FORD Chairman, English Partnerships

The Regulation Regime

Does Cave offer us the prospect of outcome-based, customer focused regulation?

STEVE BUNDRED Chief Executive, Audit Commission
ANGIOLINA FOSTER Chief Executive, Communities Scotland
DONALD HOODLESS Member of DCLG Executive Project Board for Communities England and Internal Corporation Group shadowing Cave Review

Staying Focused – the tool for delivery

At a time of change staying focused has to be the priority for all senior managers. Focus and determination are Debra's watchwords. Hear how she did it for one of the hardest physical challenges.

DEBRA SEARLE MBE Transatlantic Rower and Adventurer

Seminars

The right role for tenants?

With the local government White Paper pushing tenant management options and on-going discussions about the role of tenants in regulation and inspection, this session explores what is the appropriate role for tenants.

The end of the HRA?

Last year Ruth Kelly announced a pilot programme to explore whether local authorities and ALMOs would be better off coming out of the HRA subsidy system. This session discusses the options for self-financing.

What do you know about your customers?

Tesco and Nectar have been doing it successfully for years but housing organisations have been slow to adopt customer profiling techniques. Find out how some landlords are learning lessons from the private sector.

Policy into Practice Forums

Affordability and the Rural Housing Crisis

The crisis is well documented but what differences are being made? Hear from those who are making real progress and the organisations supporting delivery.

Dr STUART BURGESS Chairman and Rural Advocate, Commission for Rural Communities

Providing social care; promoting social mobility

The concentration of vulnerable and hard to reach households in social housing raises questions for us all. This session will explore a range of solutions to deliver social mobility.

TERRIE ALAFAT Director – Housing Strategy and Support, DCLG
DAVID BEHAN Director General for Social Care, Department of Health