

Housing Policy Under the New Government

Event to be held online | Wednesday 24th November 2020

10.00 **Chair's Introduction**

10.05 **Government Update: An Overview from MHCLG of forthcoming Housing Policy**

⇒ **Emma Fraser**, Director—Housing Markets and Strategy, MHCLG

10.30 **Reforms to Social and Affordable Housing Policy**

- The forthcoming *Social Housing White Paper*: empowering tenants and supporting the continued supply of social homes
- Renewing the Affordable Homes Programme to support the delivery of affordable homes

⇒ **Alistair Smyth**, Director of External Affairs and Social Investment, The Guinness Partnership

11.00 Morning Break

11.30 **Further Reforms and What they mean for the Housing Sector**

- Continuing the roll-out of Universal Credit and its impact on rent arrears and vulnerable tenants
- Understand the proposed simplification to shared ownership models for housing associations
- The sector response: What will these changes mean for local authorities, developers, housing associations and other key stakeholders?

⇒ **Eamon McGoldrick**, Chief Executive, National Federation of ALMOs

⇒ **Andy Winter**, Chief Executive, Brighton Housing Trust

12.30 **Lunch**

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13.30 Reforms to Building Safety

- Building a safer future: explore the reforms to building regulations in line with Hackitt review recommendations
- ⇒ **Scott Sanderson, Partner, PRP**

14.00 Building beautiful, high quality homes

- Beauty, the planning white paper & permitted development: Where is design going in the coming years?
 - Exploring proposals to devolve design standards to local authorities for new development
- ⇒ **Julia Park, Head of Housing Research, Levitt Bernstein**

14.30 Reforms to Ownership and Models for Housing

- Home ownership for a younger generation: introducing long-term “life-time” fixed rate mortgages and slashing the cost of deposits
 - Introducing discounted ‘First Homes’ and funding this through developer contributions
 - Expanding *Right to Buy* for all council tenants and what this means for social housing providers
- ⇒ **Kitson Keen, Head of Built to Rent, Home Group**

15.00 Event Close

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