

Assessing Housing Need: Policy and Best Practice Briefing

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11.00 Chair's Introduction

⇒ *Cllr Ric Pallister OBE, Leader, South Somerset District Council*

11.05 Morning Session: Introduction of a Standardised Approach for Assessing Housing Need

- How housing need will be calculated under Government plans to introduce a standardised approach
- Proposals to cap any increase in housing need levels an authority may face when they review their plan
- Timescales for implementation, transitional arrangements & potential impacts upon different types of local authority
- Reasonable justifications for deviating from the standard methodology
- Implications of a standardised approach for calculating the five year supply of housing and the Housing Delivery Test
- How the new approach will impact the assessing of housing need for groups with particular needs
- Statements of Common Ground and cooperation across local authority boundaries to help meet housing needs

⇒ *John Rhodes OBE, Director, Quod; Chair, Local Plans Expert Group*

⇒ *Cristina Howick, Partner – Planning, Peter Brett Associates LLP*

⇒ *Ian Manktelow, Strategic Planning Manager, Wycombe District Council*

13.15 Networking Lunch

14.00 Afternoon Session: Best Practice in Assessing Housing Need

- Current good practice in assessing housing need
- Assessing the housing requirements of older & disabled people
- Making sure assessments are robust
- Local Authority processes & the challenges of community and stakeholder scrutiny

⇒ *Mike Kiely, Chair, Planning Officers Society*

⇒ *Michael Bullock, Managing Director, Arc4*

15.30 Event Close

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