

Next Steps for Local Authority House Building

Taking place in Central London (Zone 1, Venue TBC) | Thursday, 28 February 2019

11.00 Chair's Introduction

⇒ **Janice Morphet**, Visiting Professor, Bartlett School of Planning, UCL

11.05 Policy, Funding, Feasibility & Delivery Models

- Government policy & funding to support councils build new homes
- Removing the borrowing cap and the impact on councils' ability to access financing
- Taking the first steps: conducting a feasibility study into whether or not a council is in a position to build new homes
- Making sure the numbers add up
- Different delivery models for house building and choosing the right one
- Identifying and working with partners: the role of builders, developers & housing associations
- The importance of political support
- Right to Buy and wider policy measures impacting decision making

⇒ **Nick Atkinson**, Head of Local Authority Housing, MHCLG

⇒ **Mark Baigent**, Independent Housing Consultant

⇒ **Stephen Pearson**, Partner, Freeths LLP

13.15 Networking Lunch

14.00 Finding Sites, Overcoming Barriers & Learning from Existing Practice

- Identifying & securing sites where new housing can be built
- Anticipating & overcoming potential barriers
- Expanding existing projects and planning to deliver at the required scale
- Learning from the experience of councils who already have a successful track record in delivering new homes

⇒ **Carl Brazier**, Director of Housing, Stoke City Council

⇒ **Cllr Danny Beales**, Cabinet Member for Investing in Communities, LB of Camden

15.30 Chair's Summary & Event Close

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