

All You Want To Know about Local Authority Housing Finance in Scotland 2010

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Do you think that a working knowledge of local authority housing finance in Scotland would put you and your colleagues in a position of advantage?

Scottish authorities face the challenge of achieving the 'Scottish Housing Quality Standard' while continuing to set affordable rents and delivering the 'efficiency agenda'. In some cases the option of stock transfer has been rejected by tenants. In 2007, the Scottish Government published a Housing Green Paper that heralded changes in housing policy including a role for local authorities in new build. Many authorities are now pressing forward with new build schemes. The financial crisis of 2008 has led to an economic recession and this is having an effect on local authority housing services. The Scottish Government is proposing a Housing Bill that would modernise Regulation and reform the Right to Buy. 2010 will see an election for the UK parliament and a Comprehensive Spending Review that is expected to result in reductions in public expenditure.

Whether you are in a Local Authority or another organisation with an interest in Scottish housing; whether you are a Housing Manager, Tenant Representative, Elected Member, or even a member of the Housing Finance Team, you will need some knowledge of local authority housing finance. You could benefit from one of our courses at which you will learn:

'All You Want To Know about Local Authority Housing Finance in Scotland 2010'

What the Course will cover:

Housing Revenue Accounting, Rent Setting, Service Charges, Capital Programmes, the Scottish Housing Quality Standard, Housing Revenue Account Business Plans, Capital Receipts and Right to Buy, Comprehensive Spending Reviews 2007 and 2010, Efficiency & Effectiveness, Housing Regulation and Inspection, The Scottish Housing Green Paper, New Build and Scottish Government funding, Strategic Housing responsibilities, Best Value, Private Sector Housing and Homelessness, Housing Benefit, Regeneration, Registered Social Landlords and their relationship with Local Authorities, The Effect of the Recession, What follows Options Appraisals? Stock Transfer and many other aspects of Local Authority Housing Finance in Scotland!

The course is accompanied by a very useful book entitled:

"All You Want To Know About Local Authority Housing Finance in Scotland 2010"

Venue and Date:

Falkirk: Best Western Park Hotel – Tuesday 25th May 2010

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The Programme

- 10.00 Introduction - Overview, Housing Revenue Account, Rent setting and Affordability, Service Charges, Management and Maintenance costs, Capital Financing costs, Trends in Scottish Local Authority Housing, Performance Management.
- 11.00 BREAK
- 11.15 Housing Investment Programme and the Scottish Housing Quality Standard, Standard Delivery Plans, Prudential Borrowing, Sustainable Housing Revenue Account Business Plans, Capital Receipts and Right to Buy, Comprehensive Spending Reviews 2007 and 2010, Efficiency and Effectiveness, Procurement strategies, Asset Management.
- 12.30 LUNCH
- 13.30 Housing Green Paper, New Build and Scottish Government funding, Developments in Housing Policy in Scotland and the UK, Draft Scottish Housing Bill, Regulation and Inspection, Strategic Housing responsibilities, Private Sector Housing and Homelessness, Housing Benefit, Regeneration and Registered Social Landlords.
- 14.45 BREAK
- 15.00 The effects of the Recession on Scottish Local Authority Housing, What follows the stock options process? What follows the Scottish Quality Housing Standard? Stock Retention and sustainability, Large Scale Voluntary Transfer, what the future might hold, Conclusions.
- 16.00 CLOSE

This seminar is designed for people who are not experts in housing finance, but who need to understand the basics and achieve an overview of what is going on. It is suitable for housing managers, tenant representatives, councillors and finance staff who have limited experience of the housing finance in Scotland and others who realise that an understanding of housing finance can place them at an advantage!

This course is also available in-house. For further information about in-house courses, please contact Adrian Waite on 017683-52165 or 52347 or Adrian.waite@awics.co.uk.

Please note that there are free briefing papers on housing finance posted on the 'AWICS' website at:

www.awics.co.uk/briefing/housing.asp

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Adrian Waite (Independent Consultancy Services) Limited

Our speaker **Adrian Waite is well known for his in-depth knowledge of this subject and for his ability to present information clearly.**

Adrian Waite is Managing Director of 'Adrian Waite (Independent Consultancy Services) Limited'.

After graduating from Oxford University with a First Class Honours degree, Adrian joined West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council as a Trainee Accountant, and became a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. He is also an Associate member of the Chartered Institute of Housing and an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Public Sector Management.

Appointments at Leeds City Council and Newcastle on Tyne City Council gave Adrian experience of the finance of every local government service. In 1990, he was appointed Assistant County Treasurer at Staffordshire County Council. As Finance Director, and then Strategic Director, at Copeland Borough Council between 1993 and 1998, Adrian became conversant with every aspect of the finance and strategic management of housing.

He left Copeland Council in 1998 to work as an Independent Consultant. Since then he has worked with central government, local authorities, housing associations and tenants' associations in England, Scotland, Wales and abroad on a variety of financial and strategic issues that affect housing. He has worked as an Associate Inspector with the Scottish Housing Regulator. He is a member of the board of Impact Housing Association, is President of the Institute of Public Sector Management and sits on the Housing Panel and Housing Technical Information Services Panel of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

Adrian's recent work has included: Housing Inspection for the Scottish Housing Regulator, Evaluating Housing Stock Options Appraisals, Carrying out Housing Stock Options Appraisals, Preparing Housing Revenue Account Business Plans, Developing Procurement and Value for Money Strategies, Financial Modelling of New Build schemes, Reviewing leaseholder and tenant service charges, Providing Training for Central Government, Local Government and Housing Associations and acting as an Independent Tenants' Advisor. He is therefore well placed to explain housing finance as it is seen in Central Government, the Regulator, Local Government, Housing Associations and among Tenants.

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How to reserve your place

- **By Fax:** Fax us on 017683-54005
- **By post:** Complete this form and send it to:
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- **On line:** You can down load this form from <http://www.awics.co.uk/RegionalSeminars/ViewCourse/la-finance-2010-scotland>, fill it in electronically and forward to: adrian.waite@awics.co.uk
- **By Phone:** Please telephone us on 017683-52165 or 52347

Do not send any payment: We will confirm your booking and send an invoice.

Delegate fees:

The cost of this seminar is £230 plus VAT making a total of £270.25. The fee includes lunch* and book – ‘All You Want to Know about Local Authority Housing Finance in Scotland 2010’. Discounts are available. Please see our website or contact us for details.

* Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements

Delegate Name **Position and Department**

To enrol additional delegates, please photocopy this form.

Please state which venue and date you require _____

Name of person booking _____ Tel.No. _____

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Full Address _____

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Please let us know if your delegate has any particular needs.

Booking conditions:

Cancellations and substitutions: A full refund will be given up to 28 days before the seminar. There after a 50% refund up to 14 days before the seminar. We regret that no refund can be given 14 days or less before the seminar.

Cancellations must be made in writing or by email and be acknowledged by AWICS.

No refund will be given for non-attendance, but delegates may substitute another delegate at any time.

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