

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

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Local Authority Housing Finance in Wales is going through a period of change with Councils implementing the Welsh Housing Quality Standard, preparing budgets in the light of the 2010/11 subsidy settlement, seeking value for money and efficiencies and in some cases considering the implications of stock transfer. The Welsh Assembly Government is considering self-financing. In 2010 we will have the next General Election and Comprehensive Spending Review.

In this context, do you think that a working knowledge of local authority housing finance in Wales would put you and your colleagues in a position of advantage?

Whether you are in a Local Authority or the Welsh Assembly Government; whether you are a Housing Manager, Tenant Representative, Elected Member, or even a member of the Housing Finance Team, you could benefit from attending our course at which you will learn:

“All You Want To Know about Local Authority Housing Finance in Wales”

What the Course will cover:

Housing Revenue Account, Rent Setting, Service Charges, Capital Programmes, Housing Investment Programmes, the Welsh Housing Quality Standard, Housing Subsidy settlement for 2010/11, The Possibility of Self-Financing, Prudential Borrowing, Major Repairs Allowance, Capital Receipts, Housing Revenue Account Business Plans, the Recession, Strategic Housing responsibilities, Best Value, Private Sector Housing and Homelessness, Supporting People, Housing Benefit, Regeneration, Housing Associations, Comprehensive Spending Review 2010, Efficiency & Effectiveness, New Build, Options Appraisals, Stock retention and sustainability, Stock Transfer and many other aspects of local authority housing finance.

The course is accompanied by a very useful and fully updated book entitled:

“All You Want To Know About Local Authority Housing Finance in Wales 2010”

Venue and Date

Cardiff: Novotel Cardiff Central Hotel – Tuesday 29th June 2010

The Programme

- 10.00 Introduction: Overview, Housing Revenue Account, Income and Expenditure Account, Income, Expenditure, Capital Financing costs, Rent setting, Service Charges.
- 11.15 BREAK
- 11.30 Housing Subsidy (including the settlement for 2010/11), Possibility of Self Financing, Capital Programmes, Housing Investment Programme, the Welsh Housing Quality Standard, Major Repairs Allowance, Capital Receipts, Prudential Borrowing, New Build.
- 12.30 LUNCH
- 13.30 Housing Revenue Account Business Plans, the Efficiency and Effectiveness Agenda, the Recession, Comprehensive Spending Review 2010, Strategic Housing responsibilities, Private Sector Housing and Homelessness, Supporting People, Housing Benefit.
- 14.45 BREAK
- 15.00 Technical Issues: Regeneration and Housing Associations, Affordable Homes and Right to Buy; Options appraisals, Large Scale Voluntary Transfer and the 'Community Mutual' model.
- 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 system in Wales 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/BriefingPapers/ViewCategory/housing/

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 and President 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 all parts of Britain and abroad on a variety of financial and strategic issues that affect housing. He is a member of the board of Impact Housing Association and sits on the Housing Panel and the Housing Technical Information Service Panel of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. He was a member of the working party on funding mechanisms that was part of the Communities & Local Government and Treasury review of the financing of the housing revenue account. He has worked as an Associate Inspector with the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Adrian's recent work has included evaluating housing stock options appraisals for Regional Government Offices, carrying out housing stock options appraisals, preparing housing revenue account business plans and financial health checks, developing procurement and value for money strategies, providing advice and financial modelling on new build, reviewing leaseholder service charges, modelling self financing and acting as an Independent Tenants' Advisor. He is therefore well placed to explain housing finance as it is seen in central and local government and its impact on tenants, their homes and the services that they receive.

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We are big enough to make a difference – but are small enough to care!

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- **By post:** Complete this form and send it to:
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- **On line:** You can download this form from
http://www.awics.co.uk/RegionalSeminars/ViewCourse/local_authority_housing_finance_wales_2010/, fill it in electronically and forward to: adrian.waite@awics.co.uk
- **By Phone:** Please telephone us on 017683-52347

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 Wales 2010'

* 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 _____

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

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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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