

Spending Review 2010: Implications for Local Government and Housing

November 2010

The Spending Review of 2010 will address the government's deficit reduction plan for 2011 to 2015 and will include reductions in public expenditure of between 25% and 40%. The implications for public services including local government and housing will clearly be significant and will lead to significant changes in the way that services are delivered. This seminar will consider all the implications for local government and housing.

The new government has set out a new approach to the spending review which will be concluded in October 2010. They are seeking innovative approaches to the delivery of services and the role of national and local government in the context of significant reductions in expenditure. They are promoting 'localism' and the 'Big Society'.

George Osborne MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer has said that:

"The forthcoming Spending Review will involve more than the allocation of resources. While it will rightly focus on reducing Britain's record deficit and restoring sound public finances, it will also provide a platform to consider new and radical approaches to public service provision."

What will this mean in practice for local authorities and other public bodies including housing associations? These questions and more will be explained and explored in this seminar.

What the Course will cover:

The Spending Review of 2010 will be outlined in the context of the economy; government policies for public expenditure and taxation; and government policies on local government and housing. The resources that will be made available for local government and housing and the implications for services and service delivery will be considered.

This course is suitable for all those with an interest in the management and resourcing of local government and housing including Councillors, Board Members, Managers and Accountants.

The course is accompanied by a very useful book entitled:

"Spending Review 2010 – Implications for Local Government and Housing"

Venues and Dates

London: Thursday 4th November 2010 – Ibis Hotel, Euston.

Midlands: Wednesday 10th November 2010 – Walton Hotel, Nottingham.

North: Tuesday 23rd November 2010 – Novotel Hotel, West Worsley, Manchester.

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The Programme

- 10.00 Introduction – Spending Review 2010; the Political, Economic and Financial context; Public Expenditure and Fiscal plans; the Public Expenditure (PEX) committee; the changing role of National and Local Government; Government statements on Local Government and Housing policy; Government priorities; Implications for Local Government, Housing Associations and service users; the Big Society; Localism; the role of the Voluntary Sector and the Private Sector.
- 11.00 BREAK
- 11.15 Funding of Local Government and Housing – Implications for Revenue Support Grant; Implications for Area Based Grant and Specific Grants; Implications for Housing Subsidy and Self-Financing; Implications for Capital Programmes; Grant cuts and efficiency targets; Implications of the abolition of the Audit Commission and reduced inspection and performance management requirements; Implications for the devolved administrations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- 12.30 LUNCH
- 13.30 Welfare and Affordable Housing – Reforms to the Welfare System; Implications for Social Security, Tax Credits and Public Sector Pensions; Implications for Housing Associations; Resources for Affordable Housing; Role of Central Government, Local Government, Housing Associations and Private Developers in Affordable Housing.
- 14.30 BREAK
- 14.45 How to deliver a step change in the drive for efficiency and value for money through fundamental changes in the way services are provided – Performance Assessment; the Efficiency Agenda; Efficiencies in Procurement; Partnerships, Collaboration and Shared Services; Asset Management; Efficiencies in Management and Administration; Transparency; Public Engagement; Better Financial Management; Conclusions.
- 16.00 CLOSE

This seminar is designed for people who are involved in local government or housing; whether as elected Members, Board Members, financial officers, non-financial officers; officers in central government departments, or otherwise with an interest in local government or housing policy or finance. However, they need not be experts.

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 local government and housing posted on the 'AWICS' website at: http://www.awics.co.uk/View/Page/briefing_papers/

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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, an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Public Sector Management and a Fellow of the Institute of Leadership & 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 local government and 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 other bodies in Britain and abroad on a variety of financial and strategic issues that affect local government and housing. He sits on the National Council of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, the Board of Impact Housing Association and is the President of the Institute of Public Sector Management.

With experience to Strategic Director level in a Borough Council and Assistant Director level in a County Council and as an advisor to central government, local government, housing associations and other public bodies, Adrian has seen public finance issues from almost every point of view.

Adrian is known for his expert knowledge of financial and management issues that affect local government and housing and his ability to explain complex matters in a clear and understandable manner. He provides training and consultancy on all aspects of the finance and management of local government and housing.

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http://awics.co.uk/RegionalSeminars/ViewCourse/spending_review/ fill it in electronically and forward to:
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Do not send any payment: We will confirm your booking and send an invoice.

Delegate fees:

The cost of this seminar is £260 in London and £230 at other venues plus VAT making a total of £305.50 in London and £270.25 at other venues. The fee includes lunch* and book – ‘Comprehensive Spending Review 2010 – Implications for Local Government and Housing’

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

Delegate Name **Position and Department**

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