

Panel Housing Panel
Date 14 November 2019
Time 11:00 – 14:00
Venue CIPFA, 77 Mansell Street, London, E1 8AN

Chair Ken Lee
Members Julie Crook
David Enticott
Bryan Lea
Lawrence Morris
Pascale Mezac
Jane Harrison
Sukvinder Kalsi
Charles Brotherton
Lindsey Wishart
Tony Deakin
Steve Partridge

In attendance Jo Pitt *CIPFA Policy Manager*
Milan Palmer *CIPFA Policy Support Officer*
By invitation Amie Hall *CIPFA Business Development Manager*
By invitation Vijay Pillai *CIPFA Analytics Manager*
By invitation Ben Lockett *CIPFA Senior Data Analyst*

Apologies David Ellis
Jayne Owen
Hilary Vaughan
Darrell Campbell
Ben Taylor

	Item	Action
1	Welcomes and apologies / Declarations of interest	
1.1	Apologies were noted	
	Declarations of interest	
1.2	There were no declarations of interest.	
2	Draft Minutes of 03 July 2019 Housing Panel Meeting	
2.1	Previous minutes confirmed as accurate	
3	Housing Landscape & CIPFA's election manifesto	
3.1	The panel raised points that the work should include localizing of issues and written comments on them, e.g. RTB on a regional rather than national basis	
3.2	JP commented that previous work with Chartered Housing could be redistributed due to relevance in current climate, JP to look at re-dating and pushing this work out	JP
3.3	JP asks all members to look at party manifestos and email with comments to shape CIPFA's work, CIPFA's manifesto will be reactive to the approach of main political parties	Members
3.4	Members raise points that analysis should follow like HSC reports, detailing the cost of inaction on certain areas. The impact of not doing anything or enough, is as important as current problems that need rectifying	
3.5	Panel discussed the blurred lines between housing and property investment that PWLB have not identified, there was an ambition that PWLB would differentiate loans on difference between investing in housing for regeneration and property investment for frontline services funding	
3.6	Members should forward comments on above to Jo, who will pass on collective comments to relevant people in HMT	JP
4	Development of the new Housing Network	
4.1	DE outlined the changes with the Housing Advisory Network moving in to the Property division of CIPFA, it is hoped this move to a larger team means they can cover and push the wider strategic housing agenda as a team	
4.2	Members discussed the need for Housing Associations / Local Authorities to forge closer links, DE agreed on points raised and hope these closer links are an area the wider Property network can pick up on	
4.3	Members discussed the use of stress testing within local housing authorities, desire is this could be implemented as widely as possible while generating useful discussion, hoped with strong implementation recommendations can easily be laid out on identified problems	
4.4	Panel to comment on the housing paper DE shared and to provide recommendations back to JP	Members
5	Supporting the Housing sector	
5.1	AH breaks down the Achieving Financial Excellence Programme and potential cross-synergies work within housing	
5.2	AH asked for collective list of issues within housing, the stresses and/or the offerings they could get from CIPFA to assist, these can then be developed to push Local Government	
5.3	The panel is asked to reflect on the discussion and AH will attend the next Housing meeting with full and further details on AFEP	

6	CIPFA Housing data tool	
6.1	VP and BL joined the meeting to outline the new Housing products they have developed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Interactive Profile • Future Resources Model • HRA Housing Scorecard 	
6.2	The tools are intended to act as valuable self-assessment tools for LAs who wish to compute specific scenarios and analyse the results, with MHCLG updated statistics being automatically fed in to the source data	
6.3	Members raised the point that ideally forward planning would be more useful with a 5 year sheet, in contrast to the current 3 years, as well as being able to account for non-financial depreciations e.g. boilers	
6.4	The Data and Analytics team currently have 5 Local Authorities who are undergoing testing with the new product, with a roll out intended to happen next year	
7	Update from the Local Government Board	
7.1	No comments were brought from the LG Board	
8	AOB	
8.1	The CIPFA Housing Conference is upcoming on Thursday 23 rd January. JP will ensure that the event has prominence on the CIPFA website and panel sub-sector of website, as well as CIPFA Magazine	JP
8.2	DE to provide JP with organisations who possibly might be open to sharing details of upcoming Housing Conference e.g. NHF / NFA / Arch	DE
9	Dates of 2020 meetings	
9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12th March 2020 • 2nd July 2020 • 12th November 2020 <p>All meetings to be 11:00 – 13:00 and at CIPFA, 77 Mansell Street, E1 8AN</p>	