

Annex A: Details of 2011/12 Housing support programme

Events

Housing featured prominently in the LGA's events programme, including:

- *Countdown to Self Financing*, December 2011, attended by 45 delegates.
- *Meeting Local Housing Needs: What do the Housing Reforms mean for your area?* This dedicated elected member event in January 2012 was attended by over 70 councillors.
- *Planning for Growth: From Rhetoric to Reality* in February 2012, attended by 49 delegates.
- A series of free housing and planning master classes for elected Members were delivered in March 2012.

Publications

The LGA has produced a series of publications and guides for elected Members on housing reforms and the opportunities and challenges for local areas. These include:

- A series of five Member briefings, exploring the practical implications of the housing reforms.
- A guide for councillors to support them in the move to self-financing for the Housing Revenue Account has also been published.
- A joint publication with the HCA aimed at elected Members and Chief Executives, published in January 2012. This publication sets out the key reforms and their implications for local areas through a number of scenarios.
- A collection of essays on 'Delivering Housing Growth' was published in February 2012.

Online resources

The following new online resources have been developed:

- Two sets of practice notes or 'how to' guides on developing tenancy strategies and raising standards in the private rented sector.
- A podcast on the new housing revenue account system has been produced and is available on the website.

Other support materials

- Housing Peer Challenges continue to be offered to the sector, alongside a free self assessment tool.
- All Communities of Practice have now been migrated to the Knowledge Hub, including the Strategic Housing group and the Private Sector Housing group. These forums facilitate effective information sharing between group members on emerging practice.
- The LG Inform service which gives easy access to relevant data and information enabling councils to evaluate services performance. A standard housing report has been developed with LA practitioners and is available online.