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Developing local affordable housing - a practical look at what's involved

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Although there is considerable focus on council housebuilding through the housing revenue account and local housing companies, the process by which to do this is a grossly neglected area.

This one-day workshop, based on HQN's recently published Guide, takes a practical look at what's needed to develop and implement an affordable housing policy – from choosing what type of affordable housing development, to how best to deliver it.

10:00 Registration and refreshments

10:30 Introduction to workshop including aims, national policy and key principles

10:45 Overview of Council Housing Development (based on study by Housing Quality Network for the Local Government Association 2017/18), plus Q and A Session

11:30 Assessing Local Affordable Housing Requirements including:

- Strategic information
- Needs of vulnerable groups
- Building a business case for programmes and projects

Group work on identifying micro-scale data and information sources

12:00 Refreshments and networking

12:15 Objectives for Local Affordable Housing Programmes, including:

- Housing objectives
- Non-housing objectives

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- Objectives of partners and other stakeholders
- Operationalising objectives

Group work on prioritising and ranking housing and non-housing objectives

13:00 Lunch

13:45 Advantages and disadvantages of different models and how to choose the right model(s) including:

- Council housebuilding through the housing revenue account (HRA)
- Local housing companies
- Joint ventures
- Community-led models eg, community land trusts

Group work on the relevance of different models

14:30 Preparing for implementation including:

- Resources
 - Land
 - Funding
 - Skills
- Programme/project management
- Partnerships and collaboration

Group work on identifying skills gaps and how to fill them

15:45 Summary and conclusions

16:00 Close