

# Programme

## 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
- Objectives of partners and other stakeholders
- Operationalising objectives

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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 vehicles
- 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**