

Programme

Strategic Housing Month: The state of the nation – prospects for housing, local authorities and the outlook for the wider UK economy

Thursday 15 April, 2021

For the opening workshop of our Strategic Housing Month, we will examine the prospects for housing, local authorities and the wider UK economy. Rishi's glossy video and associated Budget point to a rosy future and a roadmap out of the Covid crisis, but how do we tackle some of the entrenched issues that existed in pre-pandemic times and have only got worse?

Focusing on the macro and the micro, this session will explore how the impact of Covid (and Brexit) will affect the daily lives of the UK population in the years to come, covering everything from housing affordability and investment in public service to the future of work and prospects for future generations.

10:30 Welcome from Chair
Alistair McIntosh, Chief Executive, HQN

10:35 What the future looks like for local authorities
Rob Whiteman, Chief Executive, CIPFA

11:05 Prospects for the UK housing market
Ross Allan, Head of Property Data Solutions, Hometrack

11:35 Break

11:45 How the attitudes and behavior of the UK population have changed during Covid and what it means for housing
Joel Abbey and Paul Langston, CACI

12:15 The challenges facing struggling households
Emer Sheehy, Senior Policy Researcher, Citizens Advice

12:35 A future imperfect – challenges and opportunities for Registered Providers and Local Authorities in the next 12 months
Jonathan Hulley, Birketts LLP

13:00 Close
Alistair McIntosh, Chief Executive, HQN