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About The Housing Forum

The Housing Forum is an independent network of over 150 organisations involved in the building and regeneration of housing.

Our cross-sector membership represents the entire housing supply chain and our purpose is to encourage supply and improve quality through partnership working in UK housing.

Our vision is "A Quality Home for All".

As a not for profit organisation, The Housing Forum is uniquely placed to share good practice, knowledge and insights impartially for the benefit of local councils involved in all stages of house building.

We have established a Local Councils Advisory Group to work with The Housing Forum to identify key areas of expertise and knowledge that can support local councils.

This group and feedback from events we have held for councils have promoted us to extend our membership offer to all councils.

Our direction is set by The Housing Forum's influential Board which is drawn from our membership and observers from MHCLG, RICS, GLA and Homes England.

Their expertise provides unrivalled insight commercially, socially and politically.



Our network of Local Authorities has continued to expand and now represents 65 authorities nationally; including all local authorities in Greater London, Greater Manchester and Kent. In addition to Birmingham City Council, Bristol City Council, Exeter City Council, Hull City Council, Leeds City Council, Sheffield City Council, and Stoke on Trent City Council.

The Housing Forum can provide both a national perspective and regional insights to the industry. Our wider membership have a commitment to partnership working and many of them use this 'badge' in email signatures.

Some councils are also using this to signify that they too subscribe to this ethos.

Benefits of Membership

- Attendance at events, workstreams and research groups
- Knowledge sharing and networking for practitioners of all levels
- Access to industry insights and research reports



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Events and Conferences

Membership includes full access to The Housing Forum's events, conferences, working groups, knowledge bank, resources and reports.

Our member offer of informative activities enables our Local Authority members to share experiences of new approaches to developing their assets and to disseminate knowledge across the public sector.

Councils can also demonstrate a range of new approaches to development including direct commissioning, joint ventures and new development partnerships.

Sharing experience of responding to these new opportunities, enabling new homes to be built and developing successful place-making through mixed communities.

In particular, we offer four valuable event streams to local councils in 2020 - all are supported by the circulation of presentations and event reports available to council members of The Housing Forum.

1. Local Council Practitioners Panels

Purpose: These are dedicated panels to develop council officers understanding of key stages in development including procurement, viability, contract options, quality, MMC, energy efficiency and other related topics by covering professional expert practitioner insights drawn from our membership.

The panels are offered at locations around the country but available to all councils nationally to share perceptions of a range of housing markets. In 2020, panels will take place in Birmingham, Sheffield, the South East and the South West. Exclusively open to local councils, events in 2019 included:

Title	Date	Location	Audience
Local Council Practitioner Panel for the South of England	October 2019	Southampton	Housing Development Managers
Local Council Practitioner Panel for the West Midlands	July 2019	Stoke	Housing Strategists
Click here to view reports			Regeneration Managers
			New Housing Delivery Programme Managers

2. Development Partnership Forums

Purpose: To bring all parties involved in housing delivery through partnerships across all tenure types. Participants include central and local government, GLA, Homes England, MHCLG, contractors, developers, housing association suppliers and consultants.

Events include presentations and discussions on housing policy, design, regulation, investment, strategic development and major settlements. In 2020, Forums will take place in London, Kent and the Midlands. Open to organisations from across the housing supply chain, events in 2019 included:



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Title	Date	Location	Audience
Leeds City Region: Building Homes for Growth	September 2019	Kirklees	Local housing companies
Building Resilience, Raising Quality ... and Brexit?	April 2019	London	Development and Regeneration Directors and Managers
East of England: Building New Communities	February 2019	Huntingdonshire	Heads of Business Development Planning and Procurement officers

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3. Chief Executive Forums - Round Table discussions

Purpose: High level “Chatham House style discussions” on a single topic with views sought across the full housing industry on the possible impact from a range of perspectives on new government initiatives. Recent events have considered the Future Homes Standard and First Homes with an emphasis on how local housing markets are operating.

In 2020, Forums will take place in London, Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds, York and Durham. Attendance by invitation and audience balanced across all sectors, recent events include:

Title	Date	Location	Audience
The 2020 Government & Housing Prospects	January 2020	London	Corporate Directors, Directors or Assistant Directors of Housing
Housing Is Our Priority	December 2019	London	Housing Association CEOs
Local Council Housebuilding - Planning To Meet Your Needs	October 2019	Sheffield	Managing Directors, housebuilders and contractors
Taking Stock Of The West Midlands Housing Market	October 2019	Birmingham	MHCLG, Homes England, LEPs
What's Next For The Cross-Subsidy Model?	October 2019	London	Managing Partners - design and building consultancies
The Long Term National Need For A Strong Housing Supply	September 2019	London	
Building Business Resilience	July 2019	Durham	
Affordable Homes For All	July 2019	Exeter	
Building Better – How do we increase design quality and build more homes?	June 2019	London	

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4. Major Conferences

Purpose: At a high level, our major conferences will review the political and policy framework for housing and review all the key issues across the supply chain which impact on increasing both the supply and quality of new homes. Upcoming conference include:

Title	Date	Location	Audience
National Conference 'A Quality Home for All'	October 2020	London	Audience balanced across all sectors.
Autumn Conference 'Local Councils are Building Homes'	September 2020	Online	

Knowledge Sharing and Networks

The Housing Forum recognise that different councils are at different stages of the journey and understand the vital importance of knowledge sharing between council practitioners.

We produce an insight report for all our of activities, which we send to all key colleagues, ensuring that your whole organisation can benefit from the research and topical discussion.

The Housing Forum's Council Network is an information sharing networks among council officers and their companies developing new homes.

Our network can support councils to navigate the strategy of housing delivery and engage at all levels in councils. This is important for practical barriers to providing more affordable housing to be clearly understood from the executive team through to new starters.

This network will help local councils to accelerate building plans, strengthen housing construction industry knowledge and support council delivery through both direct commissioning and partnerships.

Our dedicated LinkedIn page for local council practitioners will be a forum for all insights, collaboration and discussion on all key stages in development including procurement, viability, contract options, quality, MMC, energy efficiency.



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Industry Insights and Research Reports

All council members are able to attend our workstreams and working groups and a key feature of our approach is collaboration and insights from other practitioners on housing development.

In addition to insight reports, The Housing Forum has a reputation for the regular production of hard-hitting research reports on aspects of the housing and construction industry.

Our research reports bring together experts from all areas of the supply chain – local authorities, architects, contractors, consultants, developers, government, housebuilders, housing associations, investors, manufacturers and professional bodies - to investigate key issues on the housing agenda and encourage innovative and collaborative solutions.

Participation in our working groups is a valuable benefit of membership, involving the opportunity to build influence through meetings, discussions, workshops, and case studies. Recent reports include 'MMC for Affordable Housing Providers', 'Stopping Building Failures', 'Futureproofing Housing Supply' and the soon to be released 'Older & Wiser'. Click on the links below to view reports.



Membership Subscription

An annual membership subscription for local councils guarantees one free place at each of our major national events and at many of our smaller, often regional events.

As active members we would anticipate your involvement and contributions at an appropriate level to our debate and knowledge sharing and to demonstrate that support by being listed as members.

Membership is for the entire organisation and you are free to select who should attend particular events and work streams in line with business requirements. Please enquire for membership rates.