

THE INAUGURAL HARDWICKE BUILDING
**SOCIAL HOUSING
CONFERENCE**

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Join our specialists in discussion and analysis of topical housing issues affecting local authorities and registered providers in 2009

A one-day event

Tuesday 28th April 2009 - 9.15am to 5.00pm

The Lincoln Centre, 18 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3ED

This event qualifies for 5 hours' CPD



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

GRANT SHAPPS MP

Shadow Housing Minister

Grant entered Parliament on 5th May 2005 as the Conservative MP for Welwyn Hatfield. He has been the Shadow Housing Minister since 19th January 2009 and supports Inside Housing's Empty Promise campaign to reduce the number of empty homes in Britain.

KEY CONTRIBUTORS

ARTHUR MOORE

Barrister, Hardwicke Building

Arthur is the head of the Hardwicke Building Housing Team. He appears regularly for both providers and tenants in a wide range of housing disputes including residential landlord and tenant, environmental health, homelessness/allocations, and Houses In Multiple Occupation. Arthur has advised many Registered Providers and Local Authorities in respect of their policies covering diverse matters such as anti-social behaviour, rent arrears, and succession.

NAOMI GOODE

Partner, Lewis Silkin

Naomi Goode is a partner in Lewis Silkin's social housing department. She is ranked as one of London's leading social housing lawyers by directories Chambers and Legal 500.

Naomi regularly advises RSLs on governance and regulatory matters including the new regime under the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008. She is on the board of the Tower Hamlets ALMO and on the editorial board of Shelter's magazine ROOF.

DEAN UNDERWOOD

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Dean is a specialist in residential landlord and tenant, public and administrative law with a particular interest in social housing. He is instructed by many of the solicitors' firms ranked as leaders in the field of social housing to advise and represent both providers and tenants about the full range of housing issues. Dean provides training in social housing law.

PHILIPPA WARD

Commissioning Editor, Inside Housing

Philippa Ward is the Commissioning Editor at Inside Housing, the leading weekly magazine for the social housing sector. Besides editing the magazine's supplements, she handles its weekly legal section and annual legal special.

Before joining Inside Housing nearly two years ago, Philippa edited the international competition law journal, Global Competition Review.

DUNCAN SHRUBSOLE

Head of Policy and Research, Crisis

Duncan Shrubsole joined Crisis in August 2005 following his role as a volunteer. He is now responsible for Crisis' programme of research into the causes and consequences of homelessness; for its lobbying of Government and MPs to affect changes in policy, funding and services for homeless people; and for monitoring and evaluating the impact of Crisis' own services for homeless people.



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- Chambers UK (2009)

DANIEL SKINNER

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Daniel is a partner in Batchelors' Social Housing department. He specialises in remedies for anti-social behaviour, leasehold disputes, shared ownership agreements and data protection. Daniel is an experienced trainer in social housing law, noted for his unique approach to training.

KATE DAVIES

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Kate joined Notting Hill Housing in 2004 after roles as Chief Executive of Servite Homes and Director of Housing in Brighton and Hove. She has experience in both local government and the private and voluntary sectors and is Chair of the Housing Working Group at the Centre for Social Justice.

ALASTAIR REDPATH-STEVENSON

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Alastair specialises in property, landlord and tenant, housing, local government and administrative law. He advises and represents housing providers and tenants in all courts up to the Court of Appeal, as well as before the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal and Lands Tribunal.

RICHARD BLAKEWAY

Director of Housing, Office of the Mayor of London

Richard Blakeway spent seven years working in Westminster, including for the Conservative Party's policy review and as housing advisor to Boris Johnson during his Mayoral campaign. In 2004 he helped launch and edit the International Development Magazine circulated to over 100 countries. Richard is a Young Ambassador for the Samaritans and Fellow of the Royal Society for Arts. He is also a member of the Homes and Communities Agency's London Board.

KERRY BRETHERTON

Barrister, Hardwicke Building

Kerry's practice includes Public Law including community care, disability discrimination, allocations and homelessness and Convention Rights, Housing including right to buy, succession and the more complex anti-social behaviour and disrepair. She also covers costs and issues relating to the validity and operation of CFAs. Kerry is highly ranked in Chambers.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

		12.45 – 13.00	Question time
		13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
09.15 - 10.00	Registration and refreshments	14.00 – 15.00	The Experts' Panel - an interactive discussion forum
10.00 - 10.15	Introduction		The Commissioning Editor of Inside Housing, Philppa Ward, and a select panel of specialists field questions from the audience about topical housing issues.
	Arthur Moore Barrister, Hardwicke Building		Panel members:
10.15 – 11.00	Plenary address: Delivering homes for the homeless		Philippa Ward Commissioning Editor, Inside Housing
	Grant Shapps MP Shadow Housing Minister		Duncan Shrubsole Head of Policy and Research, Crisis
	Grant Shapps MP will talk on the following issues and then lead a short Question and Answer session:		Daniel Skinner Partner, Batchelors Solicitors
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how localism will build the homes this country needs • incentivising and involvement commitments • trusting people • building homes 		Kate Davies Chief Executive, Notting Hill Housing
11.00 – 11.15	Refreshments		Alastair Redpath-Stevens Barrister, Hardwicke Building
11.15 – 12.00	The Tenant Services Authority and the new regulatory regime under the Housing & Regeneration Act 2008	15.00 – 15.45	Building communities: London's housing challenge
	Naomi Goode Partner, Lewis Silkin		Richard Blakeway Director of Housing, Office of the Mayor of London
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the new register - profit and non-profit registered providers • the TSA's new objectives, standards and regulatory powers • the TSA's powers of enforcement and sanctions • the relationship between the Homes and Communities Agency and the TSA 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a new model for delivery and investment to promote mixed communities • an end to centralised targets in favour of empowering communities • jump-starting the construction industry in a challenging economic climate • quality in addition to quantity • the future direction of social housing policy; choice and mobility
12.00 – 12.45	Into the void: active management of empty dwellings	15.45 – 16.00	Refreshments
	Dean Underwood Barrister, Hardwicke Building	16.00 – 16.45	Going public: assessing the impact of <i>Doherty and Weaver</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • empty dwellings - statistics and impact on the community • Inside Housing's Empty Promise campaign • community regeneration - an overview of local authority powers • Empty Dwelling Management Orders ('EDMOs') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • types of EDMO and distinguishing features • the role of the Residential Property Tribunal • local authority responsibilities • money matters • evaluating the effectiveness of EDMOs 	16.45 – 17.00	Kerry Bretherton Barrister, Hardwicke Building
		17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the unhappy marriage between public and private law • a practical approach to <i>Doherty and Weaver</i>, the central features • consequences and the future: how to avoid problems with public law issues
			Question time
			Close of conference

Details and conditions



- **Fee:** the price per delegate, which includes the cost of refreshments, lunch and conference documentation is £175.00 plus VAT (£201.25).
- **Early bird discount:** book before 27th March and take advantage of the special early bird discount of £25.00, giving a price of £150.00 plus VAT (£172.50).
- **Venue:** The Lincoln Centre, 18 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3ED, telephone 020 7936 1300.
- **Nearest underground stations:** Holborn (Piccadilly and Central lines), Chancery Lane (Central line), Covent Garden (Piccadilly line).
- **Cancellation:** all cancellations must be received in writing before 4pm on 28th March 2009. These will be subject to a £75.00 administration charge. Later cancellations will be subject to a charge equal to the full conference fee. Substitutions may, however be made at any time.
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Questions for the Experts' Panel

Please set out below a maximum of two, housing-related questions or issues that you would like the Experts' Panel to address. Alternatively, please email your housing-related questions to Dean Underwood at dean.underwood@hardwicke.co.uk. Please note that you will not receive a reply to your email. A selection of topical questions and issues will be made from those submitted by delegates. Due to time constraints, the panel will address only a small number of the questions and issues submitted and there is no guarantee that yours will be selected.
