

## Housing Advisory Network (HAN)

### Developing, updating and stress-testing your 30 Year HRA Business Plan

#### Webinar Dates

Thursday 3 October 2024

#### Purpose

Local authority housing is under severe financial pressures. With the challenges from inflation, the need to address investment into the existing stock, increased regulatory scrutiny and the continued to try and provide new homes, preparing robust and fully stress tested Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plans has never been more important.

As we enter the business planning and budget round for 2025.26, and in the light of the recent change in government and forthcoming Spending Review, where it is expected that there may be significant announcements around social housing, our half-day webinar on business planning and stress testing is particularly well timed.

During the webinar, we will cover:

- The HRA Business Plan; what it is, why it's needed and how it is created, and why it's particularly important in 2024.
- The data you will need for your 30 Year Business Plan and how to stress test its viability.
- Inflationary trends in housing capital investment, maintenance and new build.
- The key investments that you need to make in your existing stock.
- The financial capacity you will have for investment in your current stock and the scope to build new homes.
- A policy and practice sweep, to pick up the latest topical issues in relation to HRA finance.

#### Learning Outcomes

The course provides a comprehensive introduction and update on the development, review and updating of your Housing 30 Year Business Plan and the resilience of your Housing Revenue Account (HRA), and the equivalent plans for housing associations.

## Who will benefit?

This course is aimed at local authority and housing association business planning, development and finance staff who are looking to develop or review their 30 year Housing Business Plans, setting out the investments they need to make in existing stock and the plans to build new homes. It will also be of benefit to other local authority finance staff wanting to develop more than a background knowledge of the HRA and the housing business planning process. Colleagues responsible for budgetary management, future development, sustainability and regeneration, both corporately and within housing services, may also find this course extremely useful in helping them understand the context in which their services are provided.

## Programme

09.45-10.00

**Online registration**

10.00-10.05

**Introductions**

10.05 – 10.45

**Session 1 – Introduction to Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Planning**

Our first session will provide an introduction to the development, review and updating of your Housing 30 Year Business Plan, and the resilience of your Housing Revenue Account (HRA), and the equivalent plans for housing associations.

10.45 – 11.15

**Session 2 – Inputs, Assumptions and Outputs**

This session will review the key requirements and considerations, and explore the key drivers and decisions involved, in developing a business plan.

11.15 – 11.30

**Break**

11.30 – 12:15

**Session 3 – Latest Developments in Housing Revenue finance, informing 2024 Business Plans**

This session will bring you up to date with the latest changes to Housing Revenue finance - policy and practice.

12:15 – 13:00

**Session 4 - Stress Testing Your HRA Business Plan**

How do you know that your business plan is viable? Are you being too ambitious in what can be viably achieved or are you too cautious and could you go further to reach its full potential? In this session, we will look at a range of metrics to test viability.

13.00

**Summary and Close**

The facilitator for this event will be:

**Steve Partridge**, Director, Housing Consultancy, Savills. Steve is a national expert in housing finance, with over 25 years' experience in public and private sectors, in business planning, investment appraisal, financing and development of new homes.



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