

# strategic housing programme

## Strategic Housing: Financing Improvement

### One day training course on improving understanding of housing finance issues in the Local Authority strategic housing role

**12<sup>th</sup> March (London) and 14<sup>th</sup> March (Manchester)**

Funded by Communities and Local Government, the Improvement & Development Agency for Local Government (IDeA) is currently undertaking a wide-ranging programme to support local authorities in using their strategic housing function to improve the lives of the communities that they serve.

As part of that programme, the agency, in association with the Housing Quality Network, is now offering a one-day training course on strategic housing finance. The course, which is provided free to local authority members and officers, will cover the financial backdrop and current key issues for the strategic housing function together with a focus on the enabling and investment role for local authorities. Specifically, the following topics will be covered:

- Introduction to the financing of the Housing Strategy – expenditure and finance including opportunities to raise finance and working with partners
- How authorities can better direct their assets in enabling new affordable housing
- How development partners are organised financially, the rules affecting them and the role they play in delivering new housing – to include RSLs, joint venture companies, ALMOs and local authority delivery vehicles
- The finances for the remainder of the public and private sector decent homes programme
- Value for Money and finance in strategic housing and in inspections of the strategic housing function.

The training is aimed at those involved in the strategic housing role who need to understand the financial context of development, and is likely to be most useful to senior and middle level housing, planning, partnership and corporate policy staff, and elected members with responsibilities and interest in new housing development and investment in existing housing. Finance, legal and property professionals might also find the training useful, but it is not designed to satisfy detailed technical requirements.

The training will be at an introductory/awareness level and is aimed at increasing the numbers of people in local authorities who understand the financial context of the strategic housing role, particularly in relation to capital investment. This training should help local authorities to be more aware of opportunities for resourcing housing needs and for improving partnerships with housing funders.

To book your place on this course, <http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelid=7884393>

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