



Facilitator slide notes

These notes will help you to deliver the *Rethinking social housing* workshop.

If you are able to run our presentation alongside the workshop use this to help you deliver that presentation.

If you are not able to deliver the presentation then use these notes to introduce the session and explain the tasks. You will also need to download the handouts and results sheets from our website.

Remember to handout a results sheet to your group(s) before the tasks begin.

Some context

- *Rethinking social housing* is a Chartered Institute of Housing project looking at the role and purpose of social housing
 - CIH is the professional body for housing and one of the leading voices for the housing sector. It has launched this project at what it sees as a critical time for the housing sector
 - The project will combine original research and engagement with the sector, tenants, politicians and the public to explore fundamental questions about the future of social housing
- CIH wants to:
 - Engage with a wide audience - from people who have an interest in social housing to the wider public
 - Provoke a debate - and give people a voice
- CIH wants people who have an interest in social housing to have their voice

- In relation to this project, we are using the term social housing to refer to rented social housing usually provided by a housing association, ALMO or local authority Shared ownership and privately rented housing is not included in this definition
- That's where you come in
 - This is your opportunity to contribute directly to the project and help to shape the future of the social housing sector

What you're doing

- Today's workshop is chance for you to have a voice
 - The workshop has been developed as a crucial part of the project to give people who live and work in social housing the chance to have their say
- You'll take part in a series of short exercises which help you to define the role of social housing
 - The exercises are simple and discussion based so everyone can take part - it doesn't matter if you know a lot or a little about social housing - this is your chance to have your say
- We will record the responses as we go through and these will be returned to CIH after the workshop
 - These are the answers that you come up with as a group
- Your results will be anonymous
 - We won't be recording any personal information or anything that could identify you - so please feel free to give your views
- They will help to inform a series of recommendations to government and the sector and start a wider debate
 - They will also be used to form part of CIH's response to the government's housing green paper

The workshop

- Three brainstorm exercises examining three key questions about social housing
 - I'll display these shortly. In your group you'll be asked to brainstorm answers to the question in the form of words/short phrases
- You'll then use these answers to arrive at an answer to a final question
- Remember this is about your opinion - there is no right answer, only yours
 - You don't need to know a lot about social housing or the history of social housing, you just need to give your opinion in answer to the questions
- Try as far as possible to answer only the question you are on and not ones which are to come
 - I'll display all three questions and ask you to write them down shortly - there could be quite a lot of crossover but try to stick to the question you're currently on
- While context is important, please consider the questions based on where we are today



The questions

- Here are the questions:
 - What is social housing?
 - What does social housing do?
 - Who is social housing for?
- Write these down on a sheet of paper now
- Let's begin!

The tasks

**If you are not delivering a slideshow at this point pass around handout number one, if you are delivering a slideshow continue with the presentation.*

What is social housing?

- In your group, discuss and brainstorm answers to the question:
 - What is social housing?
- Identify up to five words/short phrases you think best answer the question -
you have 15 minutes

Once you have agreed these, please record your answers on the relevant part of your results sheet.

Some thoughts **(use these only if the group is struggling)**

- *It is about people?*
- *Property?*
- *Community?*
- *A combination of these things?*

Now ask the group or groups to feedback their answers to you and the whole group.

**If you are not delivering a slideshow at this point pass around handout number two, if you are delivering a slideshow continue with the presentation.*

What does social housing do?

- In your group, discuss and brainstorm answers to the question:
 - What does social housing do?
- Identify up to five words/short phrases you think best answer the question - **you have 15 minutes**

Once you have agreed these, please record your answers on the relevant part of your results sheet.

Some thoughts **(use these only if the group is struggling)**

- *What does it do for people who live in it?*
- *What does it enable?*
- *What does it contribute to society? And the wider economy?*

Now ask the group or groups to feedback their answers to you and the whole group.

**If you are not delivering a slideshow at this point pass around handout number three, if you are delivering a slideshow continue with the presentation.*

Who is social housing for?

- In your group, discuss and brainstorm answers to the question:
 - Who is social housing for?
- Identify up to five words/short phrases you think best answer the question - **you have 15 minutes**

Once you have agreed these, please record your answers on the relevant part of your results sheet.

Some thoughts **(use these only if the group is struggling)**

- *Only those who can prove they need it?*
- *Only those who can't afford any other type of housing?*
- *Anyone who can make a contribution to the local community?*
- *Anyone and everyone - it's more important to have mixed communities?*

Now ask the group or groups to feedback their answers to you and the whole group.

**If you are not delivering a slideshow at this point pass around handout number four, if you are delivering a slideshow continue with the presentation.*

The final exercise

As a group, review your answers to the three key questions and agree an answer to the following question in a sentence or paragraph:

What should the role and purpose of social housing be?

You have 15 minutes

Once you have agreed these, please record your answers on the relevant part of your results sheet.

Wrapping up

Now ask the group or groups to feedback their answers to you and the whole group.

Thank the group for taking part and ask them to leave behind all of their paper and completed results sheets.