

Focus on Influencing Scotland



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What we've been doing

CIH Scotland, Shelter Scotland and SFHA make joint call for an increase in funding to build 53,000 social and affordable homes

We have been working with partners to make the case for the Scottish Government to confirm funding to build the social and affordable homes required to meet housing need over the next five years. While the draft Infrastructure Investment Plan suggests that £2.8 million capital funding will be made available for the next affordable housing supply programme (AHSP) this doesn't include financial transaction (FT) funding or Transfer of Management of Development Funds (TMDF). It is also unclear what benchmark subsidy levels for new homes will be.

You can read the press release [here](#).

And our consultation response [here](#).

Influencing

CIH Scotland responds to the Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill

The Bill proposes introducing a cap on the amount that rent can be increased of CPI plus 1 percent for all private rented tenancies across Scotland. It would also require landlords to provide data on rent levels and the occupation of their properties and make it easier for tenants to appeal the amount of rent that they are charged.

You can read our press release [here](#).

And our response [here](#).

CIH Scotland responds to the Domestic Abuse Protection Bill

The Bill will make it possible for social landlords to end a joint tenancy and remove a perpetrator from the home without making the victim homeless. It also includes provisions for courts to prevent the perpetrator from entering the home for up to three months.



You can read the press release [here](#).

And our response [here](#).

CIH Scotland submits comments on the homelessness data review

The Scottish Government asked for comments on how homelessness data is used and how publications could be improved.

You can read our response [here](#).

In the media

TECH the missing piece

In this guest blog, Geraldine Begg, Technology Enabled Care in Housing programme co-ordinator sets out some of the ways that tech can support the housing sector.

Read it [here](#).

Public attitudes to social housing in Scotland

A new research poll commissioned by CIH Scotland shows that 90 percent of Scots want the Government to guarantee housing for everyone who needs it.

You can read the press release [here](#).

And the full report [here](#).

What's coming up

While some of our physical events have had to be postponed due to COVID-19, we have been busy developing a range of online conferences, webinars and training to keep you up to date with the latest developments.

Events

**Housing and Dementia Framework online workshops - 26 January and 24 March
14:00 - 15:30**

We have launched the next two dates in the series of interactive online workshops in partnership with Healthcare Scotland's ihub. These workshops focus on practical aspects of the Framework based on feedback from the sector and will include the use of technology and the role of occupational therapists with future topics to be decided by delegates. The workshops are free to attend. You can find out more and register [here](#).

**Scotland Housing Awards, 4 February 2021,
15:00 - 17:00**

The awards are back as a free virtual event for 2021. The past year has been monumentally challenging for all of us. However, across this difficult period, the housing sector has pulled together to overcome enormous

challenges and obstacles, continuing to deliver vital services and support to communities throughout the nation. We want to celebrate all of the hard work that has gone into keeping the housing sector going over the last year. Find out more about the awards and book your tickets [here](#).

**CIH Scotland's Housing festival, 9-10 March
2021, 09:30 - 17:00**

Over our two-day iconic festival, we'll be bringing you the most thought-provoking and innovative sessions to get you inspired, energised and motivated.

Across the festival's main and supporting virtual stages, you'll hear from expert keynotes; get involved with top level debates; and speak with influential innovators from across the sector. There will be something for everyone - plus more exciting opportunities than ever to network at sessions like the Aico sponsored afternoon tea, and dedicated meet ups.

Find out more and book your tickets [here](#).



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