

Focus on Influencing Scotland



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What we've been doing

Scotland's Housing Festival

CIH Scotland's Housing Festival took place at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre on 3-4 March. The biggest housing event in Scotland, we brought together around 1,000 housing professionals, expert speakers and exhibitors to discuss challenges and solutions. Over the two days, we heard about a whole range of issues in the housing sector including homelessness and poverty, climate change, professionalism and mental health. We also held our first breakfast hustings, bringing together parliamentarians from the SNP, Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrats.

To see highlights from CIH Scotland's Housing Festival follow [#housingfestival](#) on Twitter. You can also view videos on [CIH YouTube page](#) with some of our key speakers, including Aileen Campbell MSP, Kevin Stewart MSP and Sabir Zazai from the Scottish Refugee Council.



Resources

Consultation responses

Recent consultations and requests for evidence that CIH Scotland have responded to are as follows:

Housing to 2040: consultation on outline policy options

View the full response [here](#):

CIH Scotland submitted a response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the draft vision of Housing to 2040.

The response calls for the Scottish Government to maintain at least current levels of investment in affordable housing supply, for parity of standards across all tenures and for all new homes to be built to more accessible standards. CIH Scotland also sets out the importance of supporting and developing skills for housing professionals and the need to consider extending the requirement for letting agency staff to achieve a minimum qualification across the housing sector. Read more [here](#):

PE01756: Review current housing legislation to protect people experiencing domestic or elder abuse

View the full response [here](#):

In response to a parliamentary petition CIH Scotland has called for legislative measures to improve housing outcomes for women and children experiencing domestic abuse.

In its response CIH Scotland states that one of the main challenges facing social landlords is how to manage situations where both a victim and perpetrator of domestic abuse are named on the tenancy agreement. It notes that it is currently not possible to end a joint tenancy without making both the victim and the perpetrator homeless.

Read more [here](#):

'What you need to know' briefings

'What you need to know' on the draft Scottish Budget 2020/21:

The draft Scottish Budget for 2020/21 was published on 6 February 2020. See our latest 'what you need to know' briefing to read about the implications on the housing sector. View the briefing [here](#):

'What you need to know' on the Infrastructure Commission for Scotland's Phase One review:

Find out more about the latest report from the Infrastructure Commission for Scotland. The Commission was invited to conduct an 18-month commission to advise on a 30-year strategy, and its delivery, for Scotland's infrastructure. The report focuses the findings from the first phase of their review and their recommendations. Read about the implications for housing in our 'what you need to know' briefing. View the report [here](#):

Research, tools and practice guidance

Homes not Houses briefing series

We know that good quality homes and services play a key role in building communities, improving health and wellbeing and supporting people to reach their full potential. In this new series of briefings linked to CIH Scotland's Housing Festival themes we will take a more in depth look at how good quality homes are at the heart of everything we are trying to achieve as a country from reducing inequalities to supporting our ageing population and tackling climate change.

See the complete Homes not Houses briefing series below:

[Housing, fuel poverty and climate change](#)

[Housing and the PRS briefing here](#)

[Housing and Ageing](#)

[Housing and Poverty](#)



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