



A Just Housing Seminar

Tackling Tenancy Fraud

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Tackling tenancy fraud has quickly risen as a priority for RSLs and local authorities. In July John Healy, the Housing Minister, launched an autumn coordinated crackdown 'on people who cheat the housing system and profit from subletting their council house or housing association home'. The Audit Commission identified housing tenancy fraud as an issue needing more attention conservatively estimating that 50,000 tenancies could potentially be brought back to social use.

The DCLG is offering share of £4m to help Councils and RSLs to start their own anti-fraud initiatives is offered as an incentive but there are heavy hints at the 'stick' of additional of requirements into regulatory framework for social landlords.

Tenancy fraud is not new but while Council's and RSLs recognise this as a long standing issue the Audit Commission could find few examples of good practice.

There is cross party commitment to tackling tenancy fraud and RSLs and Council's will be under pressure to respond. This seminar offers the opportunity to hear up to date reports from those currently tackling tenancy fraud and understand of emerging good practice. This will be essential for and effective response to tenancy fraud.

Audience:

Local Authority Head's of Strategic Housing, Directors of Finance, Internal Auditors and Heads of Housing Allocation, RSL, Directors and Board Members, Heads of Housing Policy and Strategy, Tenancy Management and Internal Audit.



Agenda for the Seminar



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- 12.30 Registration and Coffee**
- 1.00pm Introduction from Chair**
Setting the scene – Steve Tucker (Chair)
- 1.15pm Protecting the Public Purse** – Why tenancy fraud needs more attention - Derek Elliott Head of Counter Fraud at the Audit Commission
Derek Elliott will set out the reasons why tenancy fraud was highlighted in the Audit Commission's recent report and what has and will be happening in future.
- 1.45pm A Managed Approach to Tackling Tenancy Fraud** – Dr Robert Barr
Dr Barr is a national specialist in tackling fraud and has first hand experience of tackling major tenancy fraud. He now leads for Just Housing Finance, Probity and Fraud issues. He will set out a balanced and comprehensive approach for responding to the challenge of tenancy fraud.
- 2.15pm Practical Case Studies** – Brian Madden, Management and Financial Consultant
The speaker will provide a first hand account of the ground breaking tenancy fraud investigation which has already been identified as good practice.
- 2.45pm Civil Recovery of Damages from Housing Tenancy Fraudsters** – Chris Corney, Partner, DMH Stallard LLP
- 3.15pm Investigating Tenancy Fraud – Some Practical Steps**
Siobhan Lomasney, Partner, DMH Stallard LLP
- 3.30pm Conclusions** – Steve Tucker and all speakers
The attendees will have the opportunity to question all speakers before the chair concludes.
- 4.00pm Refreshments and opportunity to meet other delegates and speakers.**
5.00pm





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Register today

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